



## Transitional Words

For your writing to be coherent, it must clearly express the relationships between your ideas. Using transitional words is one way to show these logical connections. Some common logical relationships and their associated transitional words are listed below.

Transitional Words			
Chronological Order	First Second Always Then next	Later Soon Before Finally earlier	Afterwards During Eventually Last year tomorrow
Spatial Order	In front of Behind Next to Near	Lower Above Below Outside	Underneath On the left On the right In the middle
Degree	Mainly Strongest Greater	Better Least Greatest	Best Most worse
Comparison	Similarly Than Either. . .or	Like As and	Also Likewise Neither . . .nor
Contrast	However Unlike Opposed to	But Instead yet	Nevertheless In contrast although
Cause and Effect	Since Because As a result	So Due to thus	Therefore If . . .then consequently