

## LIST OF TRANSITIONAL WORDS FOR WRITING ESSAYS

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The following is a list of transition words to help students write more fluently and meaningful essays.

- I. Indicating similarity or addition: (26)
- |            |                   |                     |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| again      | equally           | in fact             |
| also       | equally important | in general          |
| and        | for               | in the same fashion |
| another    | for example       | likewise            |
| as         | for instance      | moreover            |
| as if      | further(more)     | of course           |
| as much as | in addition       | similarly           |
| as though  | in addition to    | too                 |
| besides    | in a like manner  |                     |
- II. Indicating dissimilarity, or contradiction (32)
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|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| although       | even though      | on the contrary   |
| and yet        | however          | on the other hand |
| another        | in comparison    | otherwise         |
| as if          | in comparison to | still             |
| away from      | in place of      | than              |
| besides        | in spite of      | unfortunately     |
| but            | instead          | unless            |
| by comparison  | less important   | whereas           |
| conversely     | neither          | while             |
| differing from | nevertheless     | yet               |
| even if        | notwithstanding  |                   |
- III. Indicating cause, purpose, consequence, or result (21)
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| as           | for this reason | provided that |
| accordingly  | fortunately     | since         |
| as a result  | hence           | so            |
| because      | in any case     | then          |
| consequently | in fact         | therefore     |
| for          | it began with   | thus          |
| finally      | of course       | unfortunately |
- IV. Indicating spatial order or reference (42)
- |             |         |             |
|-------------|---------|-------------|
| above       | behind  | here        |
| across      | below   | in a corner |
| across from | beneath | in back of  |
| adjacent    | beside  | in front of |