

Transition or Linking Words

Transitions are words and phrases that link ideas. They help writing flow smoothly by forming bridges that enable the reader to move easily from one idea to another. Without effective transitions writing becomes rough and choppy as the shift between ideas is abrupt. The reader is jarred and the coherence of the piece is shattered.

Transitions should be used within sentences, between sentences, and between paragraphs. Be careful to use the word or phrase that is appropriate to your ideas.

Words which can be used to **add information**:

again	and	finally
additionally	in addition	another
also	another	moreover
as well	likewise	furthermore

Words which can be used to **indicate time**:

after	first	before
next	then	during

Words which can be used to **compare or show similarity**:

similarity	in the same way	likewise
like	as	also

Words which can be used to **contrast or show difference**:

but	however	otherwise
on the other hand	yet	still
although	even though	nevertheless

Words which can be used to **conclude or summarize**:

as a result	finally	in conclusion
therefore	lastly	in summary
accordingly	thus	hence

Words which can be used to **clarify**:

in other words	for instance	that is
in fact	indeed	in summary