

Transitional words and phrases keep the reader "on track." They help the reader understand the relationship between one idea or statement and subsequent ones.

1. Adding ideas:

besides
for example (e.g.)
for instance
furthermore
in addition
in fact
indeed
likewise
moreover
once more
similarly
that is (i.e.)
then, too

2. As expected:

as a matter of fact
for that matter
it follows that
naturally
obviously
of course
surely
to be sure

3. Cause and effect:

accordingly
and so
and that's why
as a consequence
as a result
as might be expected
consequently
for this reason
hence
since
then
therefore
thus

4. Contrast:

at the same time
conversely
despite
however
in spite of
nevertheless
nonetheless
notwithstanding

6. Degrees of certainty:

anyhow
anyway
certainly
doubtless
in all likelihood
in all probability
in any case
indeed
perhaps
possibly
probably
surely

7. Qualification:

especially
frequently
if
in case
in general
in particular
inasmuch
lest
occasionally
particularly
provided that
specifically
unless

8. Repetition:

as noted
as noted earlier
as we have seen
besides
in any case
in fact
in other words
indeed
to put it another way
to repeat

9. Summary:

all in all
finally
in a word
in brief
in conclusion
in short
in summary