

Some Common Transition Words and Phrases

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Establishing Sequence and Concluding/Summarizing</p> <p>first</p> <p>second</p> <p>finally</p> <p>in conclusion</p> <p>in summary</p> <p>as I have noted</p> <p>as we have seen</p> <p>therefore</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Examples</p> <p>First, I think that baseball is good exercise.</p> <p>Second, I believe it builds teamwork.</p> <p>Finally, I know we would enjoy playing it.</p> <p>In conclusion, I feel we should form a baseball team.</p> <p>In summary, we should form a baseball team because baseball is good exercise, fun, and great for building teamwork.</p> <p>As I have noted, baseball is indeed a wonderful sport.</p> <p>As we have seen, baseball is a wonderful game to play.</p> <p>Therefore, there are many reasons for us to form a baseball team.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Time</p> <p>earlier</p> <p>before</p> <p>meanwhile</p> <p>immediately</p> <p>suddenly</p> <p>after awhile</p> <p>soon after</p> <p>later</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Examples</p> <p>Earlier, Angie and I went to the library.</p> <p>Before we ate lunch, we went to the grocery store.</p> <p>On Saturday afternoon, I took a nap. Meanwhile, my sister read a book.</p> <p>Sam turned 18 years old. Immediately, he registered to vote.</p> <p>Karen walked on the icy sidewalk. Suddenly, she slipped and fell.</p> <p>Matt and I went to the park. After awhile, Matt went home.</p> <p>Courtney bought a dog. Soon after, she bought a cat.</p> <p>Megan went to her piano lesson. Later, she went to ballet class.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Giving Examples</p> <p>for example</p> <p>for instance</p> <p>specifically</p> <p>in particular</p> <p>to illustrate</p> <p>The first (second, another, etc.) example/reason is . . .</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Examples</p> <p>I have been to many countries. For example, I have been to Russia, Canada, Mexico, and Spain.</p> <p>He often eats strange foods. For instance, he once ate cow brains.</p> <p>I like to travel. Specifically, I enjoy places with beaches.</p> <p>I love fruit. In particular, I like bananas, pineapple, and berries.</p> <p>I am crazy about piano. To illustrate, I practice four hours a day.</p> <p>My friend hates skiing for several reasons. The first reason is that she dislikes being cold. Another reason is that she often falls.</p> |