

BASIC TRANSITION WORDS

PERSUASIVE ESSAYS	EXPOSITORY ESSAYS
To connect first paragraph to second:	To connect first paragraph to second:
To begin with,	To begin with,
In the first place,	In the first place,
Firstly,	Firstly,
The first reason...	The first way...
To connect the second paragraph to the third:	To connect the second paragraph to the third:
Additionally,	Additionally,
Another reason why,	Another reason why,
Secondly,	Secondly,
Next,	Next,
Pursuing this further,	Pursuing this further,
Also,	Also,
To connect the third paragraph to the fourth:	To connect the third paragraph to the fourth:
Lastly,	Lastly,
Yet another reason why,	A final example is...
In the same way...	In the same way...
Pursuing this further...	Pursuing this further...
One last reason why...	One last example is...
Also,	Also,
Thirdly,	Thirdly,
To connect the body to the conclusion (fourth to fifth)	To connect the body to the conclusion (fourth to fifth)
In conclusion	In conclusion
To sum it all up,	To sum it all up,
To summarize,	To summarize,
In the final analysis	In the final analysis
You can see why....	You can see why....
Finally,	Finally,
To wrap it all up,	To wrap it all up,
Therefore,	Therefore,

DO NOT USE THE SAME TRANSITIONS ALL THE TIME; MIX AND MATCH!! Use those that sound natural and make the most sense!