Transitional Words and Phrases: A Selective List

To Indicate Time

before after during first second next now then later last finally eventually

To Mark Addition

Also moreover in addition furthermore

To Mark Importance

above all in fact most importantly especially in particular best of all worst of all

To Indicate Summary or Conclusion

finally in conclusion to sum it up

To Signal Conflict or Contrast

nevertheless however conversely on the other hand still otherwise

in contrast unfortunately instead

To Compare likewise

similarly

To Show Examples

for example for instance

To Show Cause or Effect

therefore hence as a result consequently accordingly