

Transitions

Paragraphs in a composition (as well as sentences in each paragraph) must have continuity if the reader is to follow the thought easily. Therefore, transitions are important to establish a good flow for an essay. Two paragraphs can be smoothly linked together by making the first sentence of the second paragraph a “bridge” sentence showing the reader how the paragraphs are related. Almost all transitions require commas. Always edit your essay to make sure your choice of transition word makes sense.

<u>ADDITIONAL ITEMS</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>CONVICTION</u>	<u>SEQUENCE IN TIME</u>
add to this also and* and then* besides equally important first, second, third, further furthermore in addition likewise moreover next to continue too* yet another <u>CAUSAL RELATION</u> accordingly and yet* because* but* consequently for this reason it follows that still yet	although even though if in like manner nevertheless otherwise this being so under those circumstances <u>INSTANCES</u> another (example, idea, etc.) even more first, second third for example for instance in particular neither since then to illustrate	accordingly after all apparently at the same time certainly consequently evidently for all that furthermore hence however indeed it is apparent nevertheless notwithstanding of course presumably therefore thus to be sure undoubtedly	after after a few days after a few years afterward at length before by that time during finally immediately in the meantime later meanwhile next then when while



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<u>COMPARISON</u>	<u>REPEATING</u>	<u>CONTRAST</u>	<u>CONCLUSION</u>
also here again in like manner likewise similarly along with	for example for instance in any event in brief indeed in fact in other words in short on the whole that is to be sure to reiterate to sum up	but* conversely in contrast however on the contrary on the other hand nevertheless although besides different from more than less than	accordingly as a rule consequently finally in conclusion on the whole therefore to conclude to sum up as a final point eventually lastly at last thus clearly obviously

*Try and avoid using these transitions words in the beginning of the sentence.

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References - The following works were used during the creation of this handout: [The University of North Carolina \(UNC\) Writing Center Transitions Handout](#).



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