

# TRANSITION WORDS AND PHRASES

## What are transitions and how are they used?

- transitions are phrases or words used to connect one idea to the next
- transitions are used by the author to help the reader progress from one significant idea to the next
- transitions also show the relationship within a paragraph (or within a sentence) between the main idea and the support the author gives for those ideas
- different transitions do different things....

### Addition

- furthermore
- moreover
- too
- also
- in the second place
- again
- in addition
- even more
- next
- further
- last, lastly
- finally
- besides
- and, or, nor
- first
- second, secondly, etc.

### Comparison

- in the same way
- by the same token
- similarly
- in like manner
- likewise
- in similar fashion

### Exemplification or Illustration

- to illustrate
- to demonstrate
- specifically
- for instance
- as an illustration
- e.g., (for example)
- for example

### Contrast

- yet
- and yet
- nevertheless
- nonetheless
- after all
- but
- however
- though
- otherwise
- on the contrary
- in contrast
- notwithstanding
- on the other hand
- at the same time

### Effect

- therefore
- consequently
- accordingly
- thus
- hence
- as a result

### Clarification

- that is to say
- in other words
- to explain
- i.e., (that is)
- to clarify
- to rephrase it
- to put it another way

### Cause

- because
- since
- on account of
- for that reason

### Purpose

- in order that
- so that
- to that end, to this end
- for this purpose

# TRANSITION WORDS AND PHRASES (continued)

## Time

- while
- immediately
- never
- after
- later, earlier
- always
- when
- soon
- whenever
- meanwhile
- sometimes
- in the meantime
- during
- afterwards
- now, until now
- next
- following
- once
- then
- at length
- simultaneously
- so far
- this time
- subsequently

## Qualification

- almost
- nearly
- probably
- never
- always
- frequently
- perhaps
- maybe
- although

## Concession

- to be sure
- granted
- of course
- it is true that

## Summary

- to summarize
- in sum
- in brief
- to sum up
- in short
- in summary

## Intensification

- indeed
- to repeat
- by all means
- of course
- certainly
- without doubt
- yes, no
- undoubtedly
- in fact
- surely
- in fact

## Conclusion

- in conclusion
- to conclude
- finally

## Place

- here
- there
- nearby
- beyond
- wherever
- opposite to
- adjacent to
- neighboring on
- above, below

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