
TRANSITIONS/ INTRODUCTIONS

Transitional words increase clarity and provide a logical connection between clauses and sentences. Transitional words are separated from the sentence by a comma. When used to combine sentences consisting of independent clauses, transitional words have to be preceded by a semicolon. Introductory words and phrases introduce quotations and paraphrases.

Comparison

Although
Despite
Equally
Even so
In spite of
In the same way
Likewise
Near that one
Otherwise
Same as before
Similar to
Similarly
Though
Whereas

Example

For example
For instance
In this case
In particular
One such occurrence
To demonstrate
To illustrate

Addition

Also
Furthermore
In addition
Moreover

Contrast

Alternatively
Besides that
Conversely
Different from this
However
In contrast
In spite of
Instead
Nevertheless
On the contrary
On the other hand
Opposing that
Unlike

Cause/Effect

As a result
Because of this
Consequently
For this reason
Hence
In response
Therefore
Thus

Time/Relativity

First
Second
Then
Next
In the past

Meanwhile
Finally

Summary

Finally
In conclusion
In other words
In short
On the whole
To conclude
To sum up

Introduction

Argues
Asserts
Believes
Claims
Concludes
Demonstrates
Finds
Establishes
Explains
Maintains
Mentions
Observes
Proposes
Says
Shows
States
Suggests
Writes