

Transition Words and Phrases

Agreement / Addition / Similarity

in the first place	again	moreover
not only ... but also	to	as well as
as a matter of fact	and	together with
in like manner	also	of course
in addition	then	likewise
coupled with	equally	comparatively
in the same fashion / way	identically	correspondingly
first, second, third	uniquely	similarly
in the light of	like	furthermore
not to mention	as	additionally
to say nothing of	too	
equally important		
by the same token		

Examples / Support / Emphasis

in other words	notably	in fact
to put it differently	including	in general
for one thing	like	in particular
as an illustration	to be sure	in detail
in this case	namely	to demonstrate
for this reason	chiefly	to emphasize
to put it another way	truly	to repeat
that is to say	indeed	to clarify
with attention to	certainly	to explain
by all means	surely	to enumerate
important to realize	markedly	such as
another key point	especially	for example
first thing to remember	specifically	for instance
most compelling evidence	expressively	to point out
must be remembered	surprisingly	with this in mind
point often overlooked	frequently	
on the negative side	significantly	
on the positives ide		

Effect / Result / Consequence

as a result  
under those circumstances  
in that case  
for this reason  
henceforth

for  
thus  
because the  
then  
hence

consequently  
therefore  
thereupon  
forthwith  
accordingly

Opposition / Limitation / Contradiction

although this may be true  
in contrast  
different from  
of course ..., but  
on the other hand  
on the contrary  
at the same time  
in spite of  
even so / though  
be that as it may  
then again  
above all  
in reality  
after all

but  
(and) still  
unlike  
or  
(and) yet  
while  
albeit  
besides  
as much as  
even though

although  
instead  
whereas  
despite  
conversely  
otherwise  
however  
rather  
nevertheless  
nonetheless  
regardless  
notwithstanding

Cause / Condition / Purpose

in the event that  
granted (that)  
as / so long as  
on (the) condition (that)  
for the purpose of  
with this intention  
with this in mind  
in the hope that  
to the end that  
for fear that  
in order to  
seeing / being that  
in view of

if  
... then  
unless  
  
when  
whenever  
since  
while

in case  
provided that  
given that  
only / even if  
so that  
so as to  
owing to  
due to

because of  
as  
since  
while  
lest

inasmuch as

Linking Words - A complete list of Transition Words & Conjunctions also called Cohesive Devices – Connecting Words

Space / Location / Place

in the middle  
to the left/right  
in front of  
on this side  
in the distance  
here and there  
in the foreground  
in the background  
in the center of  
  
adjacent to  
opposite to

here  
there  
next  
where  
from  
over  
near  
above  
below  
down  
up  
under  
between

further  
beyond  
nearby  
wherever  
around  
before  
alongside  
amid  
among  
beneath  
beside  
behind  
across

Conclusion / Summary / Restatement

as can be seen  
generally speaking  
in the final analysis  
all things considered  
as shown above  
in the long run  
given these points  
as has been noted  
in a word  
for the most part

after all  
in fact  
in summary  
in conclusion  
in short  
in brief  
in essence  
to summarize  
on balance  
altogether

overall  
ordinarily  
usually  
by and large  
to sum up  
on the whole  
in any event  
in either case  
all in all

Conjunctions

Time / Chronology / Sequence

at the present time  
from time to time  
sooner or later  
at the same time  
up to the present time  
to begin with  
in due time  
until now  
as soon as  
as long as  
in the meantime  
in a moment  
without delay  
in the first place  
all of a sudden  
at this instant

after  
later  
last  
until  
till  
since  
then  
before  
hence  
  
when  
once  
about  
next  
now  
now that

henceforth  
whenever  
eventually  
meanwhile  
further  
during  
first, second  
in time  
prior to  
forthwith  
straightaway  
  
by the time  
whenever

Subordinating

than  
rather than  
whether  
as much as  
whereas

Comparison

That  
what  
whatever  
which  
whichever

after  
as long as  
as soon as  
before  
by the time  
now that

Time

though  
although  
even though  
while

Concession

Who  
whoever  
whom  
whomever  
whose  
where  
wherever

once  
since  
till  
until  
when  
whenever  
while

if  
only if  
unless  
until  
provided that  
assuming that  
even if  
in case (that)  
lest

Condition

how  
as though  
as if

because  
since  
so that  
in order (that)  
why

Reason

Correlative

as . . . as  
just as . . . so  
both . . . and  
hardly . . . when  
scarcely . . . when

either . . . or  
neither . . . nor  
  
if . . . then  
not . . . but

what with . . . and  
whether . . . or  
not only . . . but also  
no sooner . . . than  
rather . . . than

Coordinating

**F** **A** **N**  
**For** **And** **Nor**

**B** **O**  
**But** **Or**

**Y** **S**  
**Yet** **So**