

Using Transitions

Transitions can be used to connect one sentence to another sentence within a paragraph, or to connect one paragraph to another within a longer essay or report. The lists below show a number of transitions and how they are used. Each colored list below is a group of transitions that could work well together in a piece of writing.

Words used to show location

above	around	between	inside	outside
across	behind	by	into	over
against	below	down	near	throughout
along	beneath	in back of	next to	to the right
among	beside	in front of	on top of	under
Above	In front of	On top of		
Below	Beside	Next to		
To the left	In back of	Beneath		
To the right				

Words used to show time

about	during	yesterday	until	finally
after	first	meanwhile	next	then
at	second	today	soon	as soon as
before	to begin	tomorrow	later	in the end
First	To begin	Now	First	Before
Second	To continue	Soon	Then	During
Third	To conclude	Eventually	Next	After
Finally			In the end	

Words used to compare things

likewise	as	in the same way	one way
like	also	similarly	both
In the same way		One way	
Also		Another way	
Similarly		Both	

Words used to contrast (show differences)

but	still	on the other hand
however	yet	even though
On the other hand	Although	
Even though	Yet	
Still	Nevertheless	

Words used to emphasize a point

again	truly	especially	for this reason
to repeat	in fact	to emphasize	
For this reason	Truly	In fact	
Especially	To emphasize	To repeat	

Words used to conclude or summarize

finally	as a result	to sum it up	in conclusion
lastly	therefore	all in all	because
Because	As a result	To sum it up	Therefore
In conclusion	All in all	Because	Finally

Words used to add information

again	another	for instance	for example
also	and	moreover	additionally
as well	besides	along with	other
next	finally	in addition	
For example	For instance	Next	Another
Additionally	Besides	Moreover	Along with
Finally	Next	Also	As well

Words used to clarify

in other words	for instance	that is	for example
For instance	For example		
In other words	Equally important		