

# WRITING TRANSITIONS

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A **transition** is a word or phrase that connects one idea to another. This can occur within a paragraph or between paragraphs. Transitions are used to show how sentences or paragraphs are related to each other and how they relate to the overall theme.

- Transitions **within a paragraph** show the connections between two sentences.
- Transitions between paragraphs highlight key information from one paragraph to the next and helps create a logical flow between ideas.

## COMMONLY USED TRANSITIONS

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Purpose	Example
Addition	again, also, and, another, as a result, as well as, besides, both, equally important, finally, first, for example, for instance, furthermore, however, in addition, in fact, in the same way, last, likewise, moreover, next, not only...but also, second, similarly, than, therefore, thus, too
Concession	although, at least, even though, in spite of, of course, still, while it may be true
Contrast	at the same time, but, however, in contrast, nevertheless, on one hand...on the other hand, on the contrary, or, rather, while this may be true, yet
Details	especially, including, in detail, in particular, namely, specifically

Emphasis	above all, again, also, besides, certainly, furthermore, in addition, in fact, of course, really, truly
Examples	for example, for instance, in other words, in particular, to illustrate
Space	above, across, around, behind, below, beneath, beside, beyond, in front of, in the distance, nearby, next to, on the side, on top, over, straight ahead, surrounding, under
Suggestion	for this purpose, therefore, with this in mind
Summary	as a result, finally, in conclusion, therefore
Time	after, another, at first, at last, at the same time, before, during, eventually, finally, first, for a minute, immediately, in the meantime, last, later, meanwhile, next, once, previously, rarely, second, simultaneously, soon, then