

TRANSITIONS

Without a smooth transition, the reader may be unsure how the writer's main ideas connect and/or the writing can take on the form of a list, which causes the writing to lose coherence. In short, if your writing seems disorganized or if you want to work on "flow," one solution is to look at your transitions.

TRANSITIONS ORGANIZED BY FUNCTION OR RELATIONSHIP

Below is a compiled list of transitional words and phrases, categorized by the relationship they illustrate or how they function. Note that these are only a few examples; many more exist.

Adding

additionally, another key point, as a matter of fact, furthermore, in addition, in the light of, in the first place, last, moreover, not to mention, together with

Example: Transition words have a useful function in writing. **Moreover**, they help the reader to follow the logic of the writer.

Comparing

at the same time, comparatively, correspondingly, in the same way/fashion, likewise, similarly

Example: Students' primary responsibility is to their studies. **At the same time**, many must work to support themselves financially.

Contrasting and Weakening

alternatively, although, conversely, despite, however, in contrast, in reality, in spite of, instead, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the contrary, on the other hand, otherwise, then again, though this may be, unlike, whereas

Example: Many tourists only know Las Vegas as a party on the Strip; **however**, locals know that Las Vegas is also home to many diverse businesses within its community.

Emphasizing and Supporting

at any rate, for this reason, in fact, in general, in other words, in this case, incidentally, more importantly, naturally, notably, that is, to emphasize, with this in mind,

Example: Las Vegas is home to some of the most famous hotels in the world. **More importantly**, it is also home to one of the largest workers' unions in the United States.

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Giving Examples

an instance of this includes, including, for instance, another key point, for example, one point often overlooked, such as, that is, to demonstrate, to illustrate, to put it another way

Example: Many world-famous chefs have established restaurants in Las Vegas, **including** Wolfgang Puck, Emeril Lagasse, Nobu Matsuhisa, and Gordon Ramsay.

Showing Cause/Effect and Purpose

accordingly, as a result, consequently, for that reason, for this purpose, hence, in effect, in order to, in the event that, therefore, thus, under the circumstances, with this intention/in mind

Example: Las Vegas is well known as an exciting vacation destination. **As a result**, many couples choose to come to Las Vegas for a combined wedding and honeymoon.

Showing Time

after a short time, as long as, at last, eventually, finally, henceforth, in due time, in the meantime, meanwhile, presently, prior to, since then, suddenly, temporarily, without delay

Example: **As long as** tourists keep coming to Las Vegas, new, more exciting hotels and restaurants will continue to be built.

Summarizing

all in all, all things considered, altogether, as has been noted, as shown above, for these reasons, generally speaking, given these points, in brief, in either case, in essence, in other words, in short, on the whole, to conclude, to sum up, ultimately

Example: **All things considered**, there isn't a better city in which to study Hospitality Management than Las Vegas.