

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**