

# Transitional Phrases



**Transitional phrases can be used in papers of any length.**  
They help your reader understand the structure of your argument, and can help your writing flow smoothly.

Without these phrases, readers might be confused about the connections between your ideas. They might also think your transitions between ideas are too abrupt or that your writing is choppy.

## Transitional Phrases:

### Introducing a sequence:

First,	Second,	Subsequently,	Next,	Finally,
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### Adding:

In addition,	Furthermore,	Moreover,	Indeed,	In fact,
In the same way,	Similarly,	Likewise,		

### Contrasting:

However,	Nevertheless,	In contrast,	Instead,	Whereas...
On the one hand,	Although,	By contrast,	Rather,	Yet...
On the other hand,	Despite...			

### Indicating cause-and-effect:

Because of this,	For this reason,	Therefore,	Consequently,	As a result,
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### Restating to clarify:

In other words,	That is,	In essence,	In short,	Again,
To put it another way,				

### Exemplifying:

For example,	For instance,	For one thing,	To illustrate...
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### Specifying:

In particular,	More precisely,	Specifically,	Namely,
More specifically,	To be more precise,		

### Generalizing:

Generally speaking,	In general,	In most cases,
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