

CONNECTING IDEAS

USING TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND PHRASES

Transitional words and phrases create links between your ideas when you are speaking and writing. They help your audience understand the logic of your thoughts. When using transitional words, make sure that it is the right match for what you want to express. And remember, transition words work best when they are connecting two or more strong ideas that are clearly stated. Here is a list of transitional words and phrases that you can use for different purposes:

ADD RELATED INFORMATION	GIVE AN EXAMPLE OR ILLUSTRATE AN IDEA	MAKE SURE YOUR THINKING IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD	COMPARE IDEAS OR SHOW HOW IDEAS ARE SIMILAR	CONTRAST IDEAS OR SHOW HOW THEY ARE DIFFERENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> furthermore moreover too also again in addition next further finally and, or, nor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to illustrate to demonstrate specifically for instance as an illustration for example 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that is to say in other words to explain i.e., (that is) to clarify to rephrase it to put it another way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the same way by the same token similarly in like manner likewise in similar fashion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nevertheless but however otherwise on the contrary in contrast on the other hand
EXPLAIN HOW ONE THING CAUSES ANOTHER	EXPLAIN THE EFFECT OR RESULT OF SOMETHING	EXPLAIN YOUR PURPOSE	LIST RELATED INFORMATION	QUALIFY SOMETHING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> because since on account of for that reason 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> therefore consequently accordingly thus hence as a result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in order that so that to that end, to this end for this purpose for this reason 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First, second, third... First, then, also, finally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> almost nearly probably never always frequently perhaps maybe although