

Words  
to be used in  
Persuasive Writing or Narratives  
to express a transition  
between  
Thoughts and / or Events

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# Transition Words of Agreement / Addition / Similarity

The transition words like *also*, *in addition*, *and*, *likewise*, add information, reinforce ideas, and express agreement with preceding material.

in the first place  
not only ... but also  
as a matter of fact  
in like manner  
in addition  
coupled with  
in the same fashion /  
way  
first, second, third  
in the light of  
not to mention  
to say nothing of

equally important  
by the same token  
again  
to  
and  
also  
then  
equally  
identically  
uniquely  
like  
as

too  
moreover  
as well as  
together with  
of course  
likewise  
comparatively  
correspondingly  
similarly  
furthermore  
additionally

# Transition Words of Cause / Condition / Purpose

These transitional phrases present specific conditions or intentions.

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  
while  
  
because of  
as  
since  
while  
lest

in case  
provided  
that  
given that  
only / even if  
so that  
so as to  
owing to  
inasmuch as  
due to

# Transition Words of Examples / Support / Emphasis

These transitional devices (like *especially*) are used to introduce examples as **support**, to indicate **importance** or as an **illustration** so that an idea is cued to the reader.

in other words

to put it differently

for one thing

as an illustration

in this case

for this reason

to put it another way

that is to say

with attention to

by all means

important to realise

another key point

first thing to remember

most compelling evidence

must be remembered

point often overlooked

to point out on the positive / negative side

with this in mind

notably

including

like

to be sure

namely

chiefly

truly

indeed

certainly

surely

markedly

especially

specifically

expressively

surprisingly

frequently

significantly

in fact

in general

in particular

in detail

for example

for instance

to demonstrate

to emphasise

to repeat

to clarify

to explain

to enumerate

such as

# Transition Words of Effect / Consequence / Result

Some of these transition words (*thus, then, accordingly, consequently, therefore, henceforth*) are time words that are used to show that *after* a particular time there was a consequence or an effect.

Note that *for* and *because* are placed before the cause/reason. The other devices are placed before the consequences or effects.

as a result

under those

circumstances

in that case

for this reason

in effect

for

thus

because the

then

hence

consequently

therefore

thereupon

forthwith

accordingly

henceforth

# Transition Words of Conclusion / Summary / Restatement

These transition words and phrases **conclude**, **summarise** and / or **restate** ideas, or indicate a final **general statement**. Also some words (like *therefore*) from the **Effect / Consequence** category can be used to summarise.

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 summarise

on balance

altogether

overall

ordinarily

usually

by and large

to sum up

on the whole

in any event

in either case

all in all

Obviously

Ultimately

Definitely

# Transition Words of Time / Chronology / Sequence

These transitional words (like *finally*) have the function of limiting, restricting, and defining **time**. They can be used either alone or as part of *adverbial expressions*.

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 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 first, second	immediately quickly finally after later last until till since then before hence since when	once about next now  formerly suddenly shortly henceforth whenever eventually meanwhile further during	in time prior to forthwith straightaway  by the time whenever  until now now that  instantly presently occasionally
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Many transition words in the time category (*consequently; first, second, third; further; hence; henceforth; since; then, when; and whenever*) have other uses. Except for the numbers (*first, second, third*) and *further* they add a meaning of **time** in expressing conditions, qualifications, or reasons. The numbers are also used to **add information** or **list examples**. *Further* is also used to indicate added space as well as added time.

# Transition Words of Space / Location / Place

These transition words are often used as part of *adverbial expressions* and have the function to restrict, limit or qualify **space**. Quite a few of these are also found in the **Time** category and can be used to describe spatial order or spatial reference.

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  
centre of

adjacent to

opposite to

here

there

next

where

from

over

near

above

below

down

up

under

further

beyond

nearby

wherever

around

between

before

alongside

amid

among

beneath

beside

behind

across



