

# Transitions

Key words called transitions are the signals a good writer uses to show the order in which events happen. Transitional words help the reader move from idea to idea by stating or implying the connection between ideas. The more sophisticated the transitions, the more mature writer you show yourself to be. Below the stars mark the more sophisticated transitions.

## Words That Show Sequence and Time

at the same time**	first, second, etc.	meanwhile**
simultaneously**	while	after
next	last	before
the next step	concurrently**	

## Words That Link Ideas

in addition**	moreover**	next
likewise**	furthermore**	also

## Words That Compare Ideas

also	likewise**	as well as**
similarly**	in the same way**	resembling**

## Words That Contrast Ideas

after all	however**	although
on the other hand**	nevertheless**	even though
on the contrary**	otherwise**	conversely**
in contrast**		

## Words That Show Cause and Effect

accordingly**	due to**	therefore**
consequently**	then	as a result**
since	thus**	because
for this reason**	hence**	thereupon**
for this purpose**	wherefore**	

## Words That Emphasize

definitely**	in fact**	surely**
indeed**	to be sure**	certainly**
without a doubt**	undoubtedly**	truly**
above all	chiefly**	particularly**
especially		

## Words That Summarize

consequently**	to sum up**	in conclusion**
in closing**	finally	ultimately**
all in all	on the whole	in summary**
in the final analysis**		

## Words That Show Examples

for example**	to illustrate**	for instance**
to exemplify**	as an example**	in this case**
to enumerate**		

## Words That Restate

in other words**	in essence**	in short
in brief**	to state it differently**	