

## TRANSITIONS

Transitions help the reader move from sentence to sentence. They serve as a bridge, helping connect what has been read to what is about to be read. These transitions—or bridges—are what make a paragraph coherent.

### COMMON TRANSITIONS

#### TO INDICATE ADDITION

again, also, and, and then, another, as well, besides, both...and, equally important, finally, first, further, furthermore, in addition, last, likewise, plus, moreover, more than that, next not only...but, also, on top of that, second, third, too

*I don't have time to do the dishes; **besides**, I don't really want to.*

#### TO EMPHASIZE, REINFORCE, OR EXTEND

indeed, in fact, surely, necessarily, certainly, in any event, truly, again, to repeat, moreover, furthermore

*I will write my paper; **indeed**, I will begin now.*

#### TO INDICATE EXAMPLE

for example, for instance, to illustrate, in fact, specifically

***In fact**, a dog's brain is bigger than a cat's.*

#### TO COMPARE

also, in the same way, similarly, just as, likewise

*I like to knit sweaters; I **also** like to knit scarves.*

#### TO CONTRAST

but, however, on the other hand, in contrast, nevertheless, still, even though, on the contrary, yet, although, after all, true, at the same time, but, despite, for all that, in spite of, notwithstanding, on the other hand

*I have my license, **but** I am not allowed to drive.*

#### TO SUMMARIZE OR CONCLUDE

in other words, in short, in summary, in conclusion, to sum up, that is, therefore

*A dog's brain is bigger than a cat's; **therefore**, dogs are smarter.*

#### TO SHOW TIME

after, after a short time, afterwards, as long as, as soon as, at last, at length, at that time, at the same time, before, earlier, gradually, of late, in a few days, in the meantime, thereafter, upon, until, as before, next, during, later, finally, meanwhile, then, when, while, immediately

***Immediately** after class, Keith and I will go to a movie.*

#### TO SHOW PLACE OR DIRECTION

above, below, beyond, farther on, nearby, opposite, close, to the left

*My sister's house is right here, **opposite** of my house.*

#### TO INDICATE LOGICAL RELATIONSHIP

if, accordingly, as a result, consequently, hence, in short, otherwise, so, then, therefore, thus, for this reason, since

***For this reason**, I have decided to resign as president.*

#### TO INDICATE CHOICE OR ALTERNATIVE

or, either...or, neither...nor, whether, whether...or, whether...or not

***Either** I will turn my unfinished paper in now, **or** I will turn it in late tomorrow.*

#### TO INDICATE CONCESSION

after all, although, although this may be true, at the same time, even though, I admit, naturally, of course

***Although** I turned my assignment in on time, I did not start working on it until late last night.*

#### TO SHOW PURPOSE

for this reason, for this purpose, so that this may happen, for the purpose of

*I started training early; **for this reason**, I was able to finish the race.*

#### TO SHOW SPECIAL FEATURES OR EXAMPLES

for example, for instance, incidentally, indeed, in fact, in other words, in particular, specifically, that is, to illustrate

*Bring a dish to the potluck; **for example**, bring salad or dessert.*

#### TO PUT IN SPATIAL ORDER

near, near to, far, far from, in front of, beside, in the rear of, beyond, above, below, to the right, to the left, around, surrounding, on one side, inside, outside, alongside

*The aroma of Italian cuisine filled the busy restaurant; **nearby**, passersby stopped to take in the culinary fragrance.*