

Topic: Transitional Words and Phrases

Definition: Transitions link ideas, sentences and paragraphs, resulting in a smoother flow.

Explanation: Transitions improve writing by forming a bridge between ideas, avoiding awkward or sudden breaks. A coherent paper allows the reader to flow from the first supporting point to the last.

Addition

also, again, as well as, besides, coupled with, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly

Consequence

accordingly, as a result, consequently, for this reason, for this purpose, hence, otherwise, so then, subsequently, therefore, thus

Contrast and Comparison

in contrast, conversely, however, instead, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather, but, nevertheless, yet, likewise, similarly, still

Diversion

incidentally, in a related manner

Emphasis

above all, chiefly, with attention to, especially, particularly, singularly

Exception

aside from, barring, besides, except, excepting, excluding, exclusive of, other than, outside of

Exemplifying

briefly, especially, for instance, in particular, markedly, namely, particularly, including, such as

Generalizing

as a rule, as usual, for the most part, generally, ordinarily, usually

Illustration

for example, for instance, as an illustration, illustrated with, as an example, in this case

Restatement

in other words, in essence, that is, that is to say, in short, briefly, to put it differently

Similarity

comparatively, coupled with, correspondingly, likewise, similar to, moreover, together with

Sequence

first, to begin, at the same time, for now, for the present time,
earlier, next, the next step, in time, in turn, later on, later, soon,
meanwhile, in the meantime, while, simultaneously, afterward, in conclusion, finally

Summarizing

briefly, in brief, in conclusion, to conclude, on the whole, in summary, to summarize,
in the final analysis, on balance, finally