

Essay Writing: Transitions & Connectives

Words and phrases that connect and make logical transitions between sentences, paragraphs, and sections of a paper generally do so in at least eight different ways:

1. To support, add or continue:

Besides	First	Further	Furthermore
Also	Second	Another	Likewise
Too	Third	Moreover	In a like manner
In addition	Next	Again	In the same way
Last	Finally	Similarly	Equally important

2. To compare and contrast:

Also	Just as	In the same manner	Unlike	In spite of
And	Likewise	Have in common	Compared to	In contrast
All are	Although	In a like manner	Contrasting	However
Like	Similar(ly)	Whether or not	Conversely	Even though
Both	As well as	On the other hand	Yet	Rather than
Besides	The same as	As opposed to	Instead	On the contrary
But	While	Nevertheless	Whereas	Despite

3. To introduce details or exemplify:

For example	As evidence	In this case	In any case
In fact	In support of	As stated in / by	
For instance	Such as	According to	
In any event	To illustrate	As a result	

4. To show cause and effect:

Since	Thus	This results in	Brought about
Because of	To this end	Consequently	Made possible
Due to	As a result (of)	Accordingly	As might be expected
Therefore	Hence	In effect	Was responsible for
Caused by	For this reason	Leads to	If ... then

5. **To counter:**▶ **countering transitions:**

Obviously many people believe...
Evidently others feel...
Clearly, opponents maintain...
Surely most want...
Even though some people support...
Although citizens argue...
Society favors ...
The (This) idea deserves some merit...

But
Yet
However
In contrast
It's unlikely that
I question
On the contrary
Nevertheless

6. **To indicate order, sequence or importance:**

First	Moreover	At the same time	Finally	Lastly
Second (etc.)	Meanwhile	Most important	Last of all	Of greater (est)
Sooner or later	Later	For one reason	Meanwhile	importance
In the first place	Next	To begin with	Presently	

7. **To show chronological order:**

After	Earlier	Later	While	In the meantime
Finally	Next	As soon as	Then	Moments later
Since	At first	Soon	Before	At the same time
At last	Until	Formerly	Afterward	In the beginning (end)
When	During	Meanwhile	First	

8. **To conclude:**

As noted above	Undoubtedly	Unquestionably
In other words	Obviously	Without question
To be sure	In any event	Without a doubt
In short	In any case	On the whole