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Transitions and Connectives

Words or phrases used to create logical links between sentences, paragraphs, and sections of a paper. These may help create sentence variety in essays, short answer questions, and more.

To introduce:

| For example | As evidence | In this case | In fact |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| In support of | As stated by/in | For instance | According to |
| In any event | To illustrate | To demonstrate | |

To add or continue:

| Also | Further | Another | Moreover | Furthermore | Likewise |
|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Besides | Similarly | Again | First | Second | Third |
| Last | Next | Finally | In addition | | |

To indicate order or importance:

| Before | After | Soon | Earlier | Meanwhile | During | |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------|--|
| Then | Lastly | Eventually | Formerly | Soon after | To being with | |
| Suddenly | Afterward | Presently | Most Importantly | | | |

To conclude:

| Undoubtedly | Ultimately | In short | In other words | All in all |
|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| To sum up | In brief | In essence | In the end | |

To compare/contrast:

| Although | Similarly | Likewise | Unlike | In spite of | In contrast |
|------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| As well as | Both | Like | Instead | However | Whereas |
| Despite | In a like manner | | On the contrary | | Even though |

To show cause/effect:

| Due to | Since | While | Thus | Hence | For this reason |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Given that | Because of | Seeing that | As a result | Therefore | Consequently |