

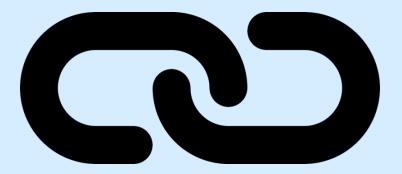
### Transition Words and Phrases

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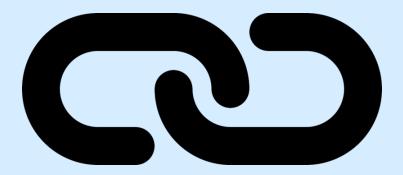
# One of the challenges in effective academic writing is being able to transition from one idea to another....



## ... or from one argument to another in an essay.



# Here are some sample phrases with transition words to show you how they are used.



### Addition

- Finally/Lastly, the protagonist realizes ...
- Besides being a great leader...
- Moreover/furthermore, when sophisticated computer models ...

### Addition

- Again, society is confronted with ...
- Also/In addition/additionally, the weather . . .

### CONSEQUENCE

### Use these words when you are explaining that something is caused or affected by something else.

$$A \longrightarrow B$$

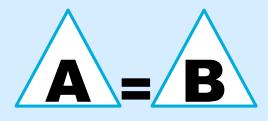
#### As a consequence/ as a result of numerous cases of ...

- Forest fires destroyed many trees;
  consequently, many forestry jobs ...
- For this reason, he is ...
- Society needs to address climate change, otherwise, we will face ...

### Since/Because there are never enough hours in the day...

- John is a short man who is very strong, hence the nick name ...
- Public outrage **subsequently** led ...
- They had worked closely together, therefore/thus the news ...

# COMPARISON & CONTRAST



Use these words when you are comparing or contrasting qualities of things.

- Dogs are always happy to see their owners. Cats, by contrast, are ...
- All bubble gum contains rubber, however, not all things ...
- In contrast to the diligent bee, the butterfly ...

- Instead of building monster homes ...
- It is better to put your money into different funds, rather than locking ...
- The first Five-Year Plan was a success; conversely, the second plan ...

- On the one hand, he welcomes . . .; on the other hand, he worries ...
- Likewise/Similarly, there are lots of correlations
- Surrey's population has grown rapidly. By the same token, its urban problems ...

- The journalist knew it was dangerous, nevertheless/nonetheless, he still ...
- Unlike plants and animals ...
- Yet, as with malaria ...
- James enjoys reading, while Thomas prefers ...

### SIMILARITY



- Analogous to the Industrial Revolution...
- The sound of the thunderstorm was like/ similar to the ...
- Areas with marshland and bogs are likewise/equally/similarly ...

### DIVERSION



- By the way, I filled ...
- Incidentally, they discovered ...



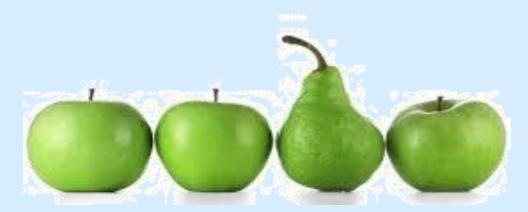
- Above all, the company strives ...
- The line up chiefly/mainly consisted of ...
- Especially/particularly worrisome is ...



- Bryan is a good student; in fact, he is ...
- Indeed, it takes a lot of courage ...
- Of course/Truly/Surely, nothing will deter ...

## EXCEPTION

- Aside from a few students ...
- Besides/Other than/Except for Aunt Nancy ...
- Exclusive of its excellent service, the resort ...



### **EXEMPLIFYING** just another example

- For example/For instance, Smith (2004) researched ...
- In particular, the author raises issues about ...

**EXEMPLIFYING** just another example

- We offer many options, including/such as ...
- Essentially, the idea is ...
- My Doctor told me specifically not to ...

### GENERALIZING

- As a general rule/Generally speaking, I mix ...
- As usual, the building was glass and concrete.
- Summer weather in Vancouver is typically/generally/commonly a mixture of ...

### GENERALIZING

- Diseases that can cause stress include ...
- Few people came, but for the most part / as a general rule / generally, they were ...



- Don't make generalizations about Canadians. For one thing, not all ...
- The book's central theme is a good example / illustration of finding the true meaning of life.



- The author illustrates / shows / demonstrates this point clearly by ...
- The evidence for X can be clearly seen in the case of ...



- My neighbour and I simultaneously looked ...
- The government wants to encourage immigration. At the same time, it ...
- In the first place/To begin with/First of all, there needs to be ...



- At first/Initially, the operation was called ...
- Earlier in the novel, the appearance of ...
- Later on, I will discuss ...
- Afterward, the White House press secretary ...





- For now/For the time being, the municipality will ...
- In the meantime/Meanwhile, there is little ...
- In time, clues begin to appear ...





- The stronger species, in turn, prey on ...
- The next step involves ...
- Finally, the character is given ...

# **RESTATEMENT/ SUMMARIZING**

- The hikers have the choice to stay or continue hiking. In any event, ...
- To put it differently/ In other words, it is hard,
- In brief/In short, he is the most ...



### RESTATEMENT/ SUMMARIZING

- In essence, the purpose of ...
- Online education is the way of the future. That is to say, most courses ...
- Vancouver is not a cheap city to live in; after all, it ranked ...





- All in all/All things considered, the committee addressed ...
- Briefly / in a few words, the speaker gave a powerful and convincing argument.
- By and large/On the whole, the team was ...



- In any case/In any event, all subjects will ...
- In conclusion, the novel is ...
- In summary/To sum up/To summarize, no other paintings ...



- In the final analysis, the panel of scientists evaluated ...
- In the long run, our reliance ...
- I tend to agree with the first author, that on balance, civil disobedience is ...

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