 **Transitional Devices: Using Connecting Words**

Transitional devices are like bridges between parts of your paper. They are cues that help the reader to interpret ideas in the way that you, as a writer, want them to understand. Transitional devices help you carry over a thought from one sentence to another, from one idea to another, or from one paragraph to another with words or phrases.

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| **To Add** |  |
| And / And thenAgainBesidesEqually important | Nor TooNextLastly | In additionFurther / FurthermoreWhat’s more / MoreoverFinally |

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| **To Compare or Contrast** |  |
| WhereasButYetOn the contrary | By comparisonCompared toAlthoughConversely | HoweverNeverthelessMeanwhileIn contrast |

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| **To Prove** |  |
| BecauseForSinceFor the same reason | FurthermoreMoreoverIndeedIn fact | In additionIn any caseObviouslyEvidently |

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| **To Show Exception** |  |
| YetStill | DespiteOf course | HoweverNevertheless |

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| **To Show Time** |  |
| ImmediatelyThereafterSoonNext | ThenLaterPreviouslyFormerly | First, second, etc.FinallyAfter a few hoursAnd then |

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| **To Repeat** |  |
| In brief | As I have noted  | As I have said |

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| **To Emphasize** |  |
| DefinitelyExtremelyObviouslyIndeed | SurprisinglyEternallyNeverPositively | EmphaticallyUnquestionablyCertainlyAbsolutely |