 **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 then Again Besides Equally important | Nor  Too Next Lastly | In addition Further / Furthermore What’s more / Moreover Finally |

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| **To Compare or Contrast** | |  |
| Whereas But Yet On the contrary | By comparison Compared to Although Conversely | However Nevertheless Meanwhile In contrast |

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| **To Prove** | |  |
| Because For Since For the same reason | Furthermore Moreover Indeed In fact | In addition In any case Obviously Evidently |

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| **To Show Exception** | |  |
| Yet Still | Despite Of course | However Nevertheless |

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| **To Show Time** | |  |
| Immediately Thereafter Soon Next | Then Later Previously Formerly | First, second, etc. Finally After a few hours And then |

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

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| **To Emphasize** | |  |
| Definitely  Extremely  Obviously  Indeed | Surprisingly  Eternally  Never  Positively | Emphatically  Unquestionably  Certainly  Absolutely |