



## 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.

### To Add

And / And then  
Again  
Besides  
Equally important

Nor  
Too  
Next  
Lastly

In addition  
Further / Furthermore  
What's more / Moreover  
Finally

### To Compare or Contrast

Whereas  
But  
Yet  
On the contrary

By comparison  
Compared to  
Although  
Conversely

However  
Nevertheless  
Meanwhile  
In contrast

### To Prove

Because  
For  
Since  
For the same reason

Furthermore  
Moreover  
Indeed  
In fact

In addition  
In any case  
Obviously  
Evidently

### To Show Exception

Yet  
Still

Despite  
Of course

However  
Nevertheless

### To Show Time

Immediately  
Thereafter  
Soon  
Next

Then  
Later  
Previously  
Formerly

First, second, etc.  
Finally  
After a few hours  
And then

### To Repeat

In brief

As I have noted

As I have said

### To Emphasize

Definitely  
Extremely  
Obviously  
Indeed

Surprisingly  
Eternally  
Never  
Positively

Emphatically  
Unquestionably  
Certainly  
Absolutely