



Transitions and Connectors

DIRECTIONS: Below are some transition words and connectors, sorted by the kind of transition or connection that they signal. Review your draft essay. Do you need to add, vary, or improve your transition words? Underline some transition words or connectors that you can use to improve cohesion in your essay.

To Signal: **Transition Words/Phrases**

Illustration: Thus, for example, for instance, namely, to illustrate, in other words, in particular, specifically, such as.

Contrast: On the contrary, contrarily, notwithstanding, but, however, nevertheless, in spite of, in contrast, yet, on one hand, on the other hand, rather, or, nor, conversely, at the same time, while this may be true.

Addition: And, in addition to, furthermore, moreover, besides, than, too, also, both-and, another, equally important, first, second, etc., again, further, last, finally, not only-but also, as well as, in the second place, next, likewise, similarly, in fact, as a result, consequently, in the same way, for example, for instance, however, thus, therefore, otherwise.

Examples: For example, for instance, to illustrate, thus, in other words, as an illustration, in particular.

Consequence or Result: So that, with the result that, thus, consequently, hence, accordingly, for this reason, therefore, so, because, since, due to, as a result, in other words, then.

Summary: Therefore, finally, consequently, thus, in short, in conclusion, in brief, as a result, accordingly.

Suggestion: For this purpose, to this end, with this in mind, with this purpose in mind, therefore