

General Transitions

A bad ➤ A worse ➤ The worst

A good ➤ A better ➤ The best

First ➤ Another ➤ Next

First ➤ In Addition ➤ Equally important

First ➤ Second ➤ Third

First of all ➤ Also ➤ Last

First of all ➤ Besides ➤ In addition

To begin ➤ Next ➤ A final

First of all ➤ The next ➤ Another

First of all ➤ In addition ➤ Finally

Initially ➤ Then ➤ After that

One ➤ Another ➤ Finally

One ➤ Equally important ➤ Finally

One ➤ One other ➤ Along with ➤ Last

One ➤ Then ➤ Another

One example ➤ Another Example ➤ Perhaps the best example

One way ➤ Another way ➤ A final method

The first ➤ The second ➤ The third

To begin ➤ At the same time ➤ Finally

Young Author's List of Transitions

Be sure you understand the meanings of these transitional words and phrases before you use them. Most of the time they require a comma after them.

After	I'll be the first to admit	The following example
After a few days	If you look at it that way	The next step
After awhile	In a little while	Then
After all	In addition	There is no doubt that
After that	In any case	Third
After that step	In any event	This takes us to
Afterward	In closing	Though
All in all	In conclusion	To begin
Also	In fact	To begin with
Although	In other words	To illustrate my point
Although it is true	In particular	To illustrate this
Another example	In the beginning	To put it differently
As a general rule	In the first place	To start off
As a result	In the same way	To sum up my thoughts
As I have said	Incidentally	Until
As soon as	Last	Usually
As we have seen	Later	What happened next
At first	Later on	When
At last	Let me explain.	When all is said and done
At that time	Let's look at it a different way	When you look at it
At the same time	Likewise	that way
At this point	Looking back	Without warning
Because	Meanwhile	You see
Because of this	Moving right along	
Before	Naturally	
Besides	Nevertheless	
Beyond	Next	
By the same token	Now	
By the way	Obviously	
By this time	Of course	
Consequently	On the other hand	
Finally	Once again	
First	Once that is done	
First of all	Perhaps	
For an instant	Put another way	
For example	Second	
For instance	Simply stated	
For now	Since	
For one thing	So then	
For the time being	Sometimes	
From now on	Soon	
Furthermore	Specifically	
Gradually	Suddenly	
However	The first step	

ORDINALS

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When you write out directions and list the steps to take, Make sure you get your **ordinals** right, Don't make a big mistake. For they are **first** and **second**, **third** and **fourth**, you see. Don't add an "-ly" to the end: It is NOT *secondly*. *Thirdly* makes me shudder, *Fourthly* makes me scoff, So write them **second**, **third** and **fourth**, And leave the "-ly" off.

Linking Words Reference Sheet

1	First	Second	Third
2	First	Then	Finally
3	First	Next	Last
4	First	Next	Finally
5	First	In addition	Finally
6	First	Second	Third
7	At first	Then	After
8	First of all	Secondly	Finally
9	In the first place	After that	Later on
10	In the first place	After that	In addition
11	First of all	Equally important	Finally
12	First of all	Besides	In addition
13	To begin	Next	Finally
14	To begin with	Also	In the end
15	To begin	Then	Finally
16	One	Another	Last
17	One	Another	Finally
18	One reason	Also	Last
19	One reason	Second	Third
20	One reason	Another reason	In summary
21	One reason is that	Another reason is that	Finally
22	One important	Another important	The most important
23	One important	Another important	Last
24	One example	Another example	Finally