

A Handy List of Transitions

Transitions allow the reader to link ideas together. They can be used in the following ways:

To Trigger Addition:

additionally
also
besides
equally important
furthermore
in addition
moreover
too

To Trigger an Example:

for example
for instance
thus
in other words
as an illustration
in particular

To Trigger Emphasis:

above all
after all
again
certainly
indeed
in essence
in fact
in other words
of course
that is to say
to repeat
surely
truly

To Trigger a Sequence:

afterward
at last
at length
eventually
finally
first
immediately
in the meantime
in time

last
meanwhile
next
previously
respectively
second
secondly
soon
subsequently
then
third
thirdly
today
tomorrow
yesterday

To Trigger a Summary:

accordingly
after all
as a result
consequently
in any case
in brief
in conclusion
in short
in summary
in the long run
on the whole
to sum up

To Trigger Granting a Point:

although
at any rate
be that as it may
even so
however
in any case
in any event
in spite of this
nonetheless
nevertheless
still
the fact notwithstanding
while it may be true

To Trigger a Relationship:

accordingly
alternatively
although
as a result
at the same time
because
but
consequently
conversely
due to
even so
hence
however
in contrast
in the same way
likewise
nevertheless
nonetheless
notwithstanding
on the contrary
on the other hand
similarly
since
still
therefore
thus
while
while this may be true
yet

To Trigger a Generalization:

all in all
as a rule
as usual
for the most part
generally speaking
in general
on the whole
ordinarily
typically
usually