

List of Transitional Words and Phrases

Use these words and phrases to express relationships precisely; they are not interchangeable.

1. ADDITION

and third similarly
also likewise furthermore
too and then in addition
next further at the same time
again finally by the same token
first besides equally important
second moreover more than this

2. CONTRAST

but contrarily notwithstanding
yet after all on the contrary
still contrariwise on the other hand
however nevertheless at the same time

3. RESULT

hence therefore it follows that
thus consequently since this is true
then accordingly under these circumstances

4. ALTERNATION

or as . . . so not . . . but also
nor both . . . and the one . . .
else either . . . or the other
otherwise neither . . . nor on the one hand . . . while
. . . on the other

5. CAUSE

for because now that
as inasmuch as owing to
since seeing that

6. REPETITION, EXEMPLIFICATION, INTENSIFICATION

in fact in short in other words
indeed in brief that is to say
for instance that is for example
namely thus to be sure

7. PURPOSE

that so that for this purpose
lest in order that with this end in view