

## TRANSITION WORDS & PHRASES

**Definition:** Transition words or phrases are used to connect ideas within a paragraph and demonstrate the relationship between ideas.

The following list contains many of the more commonly used transition words & phrases, however there are many other alternative words and phrases that can be selected depending on your context.

- Words that can be used to show **location**:  
above          behind          by          near          throughout  
across          below          down          off          to the right  
against          beneath          in back of          onto          under  
along          beside          in front of          on top of  
among          between          inside          outside  
around          beyond          into          over
- Words that can be used to show **time**:  
while          first          meanwhile          soon          then  
after          second          today          later          next  
at          third          tomorrow          afterward          as soon as  
before          now          next week          about          when suddenly  
during          until          yesterday          finally
- Words that can be used to **compare** two things:  
likewise          also          while          in the same way  
like          as          similarly
- Words that can be used to **contrast** two things:  
but          still          although          on the other hand  
however          yet          otherwise          even though
- Words that can be used to **emphasize a point**:  
again          truly          especially          for this reason  
to repeat          in fact          to emphasize
- Words that can be used to **conclude or summarize**:  
finally          as a result          to sum up          in conclusion  
lastly          therefore all in all          because
- Words that can be used to **add information**:  
again          another          for instance          for example  
also          and          moreover          additionally  
as well          besides          along with          other  
next          finally          in addition
- Words that can be used to **clarify**:  
that is          for instance          in other words