

TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND PHRASES

Adding a point or piece of information:

and, also, in addition, moreover, furthermore, first/second/third/finally

Making an exception or contrasting point:

but, however, nevertheless, on the other hand, yet, still, on the contrary, in spite of

Giving a general example:

some, sometimes, certain, on certain occasions, often, many times, in some cases, in a few instances, other, in other instances

Note: General examples should always be followed by specific examples.

Giving specific examples or illustrations:

for example, for instance, as an illustration, in particular, to illustrate

Clarifying a point:

that is, in other words, in effect, put simply, stated briefly

Conceding a point to the opposing side:

granted that, it may be true that, even though, although

Indicating place, time, or importance:

Place: above, beside, beyond, to the right, below, around

Time: formerly, hitherto, earlier, in the past, before, at present, now, today, these days, tomorrow, in the future, next, later on, later

Importance: foremost, most important, especially, of less importance, of least importance

Indicating the stages in an argument or process, or the items in a series:

initially, at the outset, to begin with, first, first of all, up to now, so far, second, thus far, next, after, finally, last of all

Giving a result:

as a result, consequently, accordingly, as a consequence, therefore, thus, hence, then, for that reason

Summing up or restating the central point:

in sum, to sum up, in summary, to summarize, to conclude, in brief, as you can see, in short