



## Transitional Devices: Using Connecting Words

Transitional devices are like bridges between parts of your paper. They are cues that help the reader to interpret ideas in the way that you, as a writer, want them to understand. Transitional devices help you carry over a thought from one sentence to another, from one idea to another, or from one paragraph to another with words or phrases.

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### To Add

And/And	Nor	In addition
Then again	Too	Further/Furthermore
Besides	Next	What's more/What's more
Equally important	Lastly	Finally

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### To Compare or Contrast

Whereas	By comparison	However
But	Compared to	Nevertheless
Yet	Although	Meanwhile
On the contrary	Conversely	In contrast

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### To Prove

Because	Furthermore	In addition
For	Moreover	In any case
Since	Indeed	Obviously
For the same reason	In fact	Evidently

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### To Show Exception

Yet	Despite	However
Still	Of course	Nevertheless

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**To Show Time**

Immediately	Then	First, second, etc.
Thereafter	Later	Finally
Soon	Previously	After a few hours
Next	Formerly	And then

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**To Repeat**

In brief	As I have noted	As I have said
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**To Emphasize**

Definitely	Surprisingly	Emphatically
Extremely	Eternally	Unquestionably
Obviously	Never	Certainly
Indeed	Positively	Absolutely