TRANSITIONS & LINKING WORDS

Transitions and linking words perform an important function in writing. They link your sentences and paragraphs together smoothly so that there are no abrupt jumps or breaks between ideas. They act like signposts to indicate to the reader the order and flow of your writing and ideas. They strengthen the internal cohesion of your writing. Using transitions makes it easier for the reader to follow your ideas. They help carry over a thought from one sentence to another, from one paragraph to another, or from one idea to another.

To introduce an example or clarify: For instance / especially / for example / in this case / take the case of/ one example of this is / to demonstrate / to illustrate /frequently /specifically	To emphasize a point: Again / obviously/ in fact/ to emphasize/ for this reason / undoubtedly	To introduce an additional idea: Additionally /as well as / in addition/ again /besides /moreover / furthermore
To indicate sequence, order or logically divide an idea: First / second/ third / in the first place / first of all/ secondly/ to begin with / next/ finally / last /after /eventually / at this time /before /meanwhile	To indicate time: after/ earlier /previously / as/ afterwards /finally /prior to /at this point / at this time /immediately /then /before / initially thereafter	To compare: Also / as / like / similarly /likewise / in the same way / in the same manner
To contrast: Nevertheless /however / although / otherwise / on the contrary / on the other hand / even though / but / yet / despite / in spite of / in contrast	To show cause and effect: consequently /therefore /as a consequence / for this reason /thus /as a result /hence	To summarise or conclude: in conclusion / to conclude / finally / on the whole / to summarise /summing up / in brief in brief /