Transitions Reference

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Transition Words and Phrases

Transition words and phrases help establish clear connections between ideas and ensure that sentences and paragraphs flow together smoothly, making them easier to read. Use the following words and phrases in the applicable circumstances:

	Milder	Stronger
Addition	and a further and then then also too next another other nor	furthermore further moreover in addition additionally besides again equally important first, second finally, last
mparison	just as so too a similar x another x like	similarly comparable in the same way likewise
ontrast	but yet and yet still otherwise or though but another rather	however still nevertheless on the other hand on the contrary even so notwithstanding for all that in contrast alternatively at the same time

		though this may be otherwise instead nonetheless conversely
Time	then now soon afterward later shortly earlier recently first, second, third next before after today tomorrow	meanwhile at length presently at last finally immediately thereafter at that time subsequently eventually currently in the meantime in the future
Purpose	to do this so that	to this end with this object for this purpose for that reason because of this x
Place	there here beyond nearby next to	at that point opposite to adjacent to on the other side in the front in the back
Result	so and so then	hence therefore accordingly consequently thus thereupon as a result in consequence

Example	that is specifically in particular for one thing	for example for instance an instance of this this can be seen in
Summary and Emphasis	in sum generally after all by the way in general incidentally naturally I hope at least it seems in brief I suppose	in short on the whole as I said in other words to be sure in fact indeed clearly of course anyway remarkably I think assuredly definitely without doubt for all that on the whole in any event importantly certainly