

TRANSITION WORDS AND PHRASES

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For argumentation:

all in all
finally
first, second, third
for example
for instance
for these reasons
however
in addition
in brief
in short
in summary
in conclusion
in other words
nevertheless
on the one hand...on the other
hand
still
thus
therefore
as a result
yet

To show cause and effect:

so
therefore
because
as a result
since
led to
brought
about
caused

To compare:

just as...so
like
likewise
in comparison
similarly
in the same way

To contrast:

although
but
conversely
despite
even though
however
in contrast
instead
nevertheless
nonetheless
on the contrary
on the one hand...on the
other hand
still
unlike
whereas
yet

To describe:

above
adjacent to
at the bottom
at the top
behind
below
beyond
in front of
in the middle
next to
over
under
through
within

To exemplify

another
for instance
in fact
namely
specifically
that is
thus

To narrate:

first
second
next
then
later
at the same time
meanwhile
immediately
soon
before
earlier
after
afterward
now
finally
time markers such as three
years later, in 1927, etc.

To show process:

first
second
meanwhile
after this
next
then
at the same time
when you have finished
finally
until

To classify and divide:

the first category, the second
category, etc.
one category, the next category,
another...etc.
a more important category, the
most important...etc.