**Transitions & Connectives**

Words and phrases that connect and make logical transitions between sentences, paragraphs, and sections of a paper generally do so in at least eight different ways:

**To support, add or continue**:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Besides | First | Further | Furthermore |
| Also | Second | Another | Likewise |
| Too | Third | Moreover | In a like manner |
| In addition | Next | Again | In the same way |
| Last | Finally | Similarly | Equally important |

**To compare and contrast**:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Also | Just as | In the same manner | Unlike | In spite of |
| And | Likewise | Have in common | Compared to | In contrast |
| All are | Although | In a like manner | Contrasting | However |
| Like | Similar(ly) | Whether or not | Conversely | Even though |
| Both | As well as | On the other hand | Yet | Rather than |
| Besides | The same as | As opposed to | Instead | On the contrary |
| But | While | Nevertheless | Whereas | Despite |

**To introduce details or exemplify**:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| For example | As evidence | In this case | In any case |
| In fact | In support of | As stated in | To illustrate |
| For instance | Such as | According to |  |
|  |  | As a result |  |

**To show cause and effect**:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Since | Thus | This results in | | Brought about |
| Because of | To this end | Consequently | | Made possible |
| Due to | As a result (of) | Accordingly | | As might be expected |
| Therefore | Hence | In effect | | Was responsible for |
| Caused by | For this reason | Leads to | | If … then |
|  |  |  | |  |
| **To counter**: | | | |  | | |
| Evidently others feel… | | | | **Yet** | | |
| Clearly, opponents maintain… | | | | **However** | | |
| Surely most want… | | | | **In contrast** | | |
| Even though some people support… | | | | **It’s unlikely that** | | |
| Although citizens argue… | | | | **I question** | | |
| Society favors … | | | | **On the contrary** | | |
| The (This) idea deserves some merit… | | | | **Nevertheless** | | |



**To indicate order, sequence or importance**:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| First | Moreover | At the same time | Finally |  |
| Second (etc.) | Meanwhile | Most important | Last of all |  |
| Sooner or later | Later | For one reason | Lastly |  |
| In the first place | Next | To begin with | Presently |  |

**To show chronological order**:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| After | Earlier | Later | While | In the meantime |
| Finally | Next | As soon as | Then | Moments later |
| Since | At first | Soon | Before | At the same time |
| At last | Until | Formerly | Afterward | In the beginning |
| When | During | Meanwhile | First |  |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **To conclude:** |  |  |
| As noted above | Undoubtedly | Unquestionably |
| In other words | Obviously | Without question |
| To be sure | In any event | Without a doubt |
| In short | In any case | On the whole |