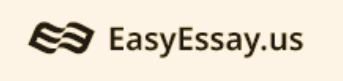




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Transition and connecting words tell readers how one idea or paragraph relates to another. When used right, they make your argument more convincing. These words help the reader understand the flow and the relationship between ideas and evidence.

You can't write a great essay or other college paper without transition words and phrases in it. Below is the ultimate list of these words to use, depending on their purpose and place in your essays.

Transition words to start an essay:

- Currently
- In fact
- Firstly
- Equally important
- Ultimately
- Moreover
- Additionally
- To be sure
- Furthermore
- Generally speaking
- While
- To begin with
- In the first place
- First of all
- Earlier
- Besides
- For now
- In time
- Basically
- As you can see

Transition words and phrases for essay conclusions:

- To sum up
- Briefly
- As previously stated
- On the whole
- To summarize
- To restate
- Hence
- After all
- All things considered
- Taking everything in account
- By and large
- In short
- Given these points
- In essence
- Ultimately
- At the end
- Overall
- As a result
- Therefore
- That is to say
- In conclusion
- All in all
- In brief
- Everything considered
- In summary
- Consequently
- To conclude
- In the final analysis

Transition phrases to write in essay body paragraphs (general):

First body paragraph	Firstly, To start, In the first place, To begin with, Initially, First of all, Basically, Generally speaking, First and foremost, To start off, For a start, At the outset, As a first step, One key point is, What's more, Primarily
Second body paragraph	Secondly, Next, Additionally, Furthermore, As you can see, Second, Besides, Also, Coupled with, Equally important, Likewise, Just as, Moreover, In addition to, Likewise, Similarly, Another key point is, Not only... but also, In a similar vein, Correspondingly, As well as, In the same way
Third body paragraph	Moreover, Furthermore, In addition, Another key point, In the meantime, Further, As well, Third (ly), Yet another, Then, After that, Notably, Alongside this
Last body paragraph	Lastly, Overall, Ultimately, As a final point, That is to say, That is, As you can see, Finally, Eventually, Ending with, In light of this, In a similar fashion, Elaborating on this concept, Taking a step further





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Strong college transition words depending on the purpose:

Add an idea:

first, second, third, next, in addition, moreover, furthermore, besides, as well, again, further, above all, in fact, indeed, as for, with respect to, what is more, either, neither...nor, not only...but also, similarly, in the same way, as to, regarding, additionally

Qualify and clarify a point:

perhaps, probably, for the most part, many if not all, granted, certainly, of course, no doubt, surely, naturally, although this may be true, namely, that is to say, in other words, specifically, in other words, what this passage means is, put more simply, to clarify, this is important because...

Emphasize:

above all, in fact, especially, most importantly, equally important, primarily, mainly, most significant, certainly, without a doubt, undoubtedly, in truth, most of all, the main/problem/issue is, without question, much more, also, moreover, indeed, actually, in essence, furthermore

Show sequence:

first, next, earlier, finally, then, afterward, simultaneously, previously, in the meantime, subsequently

Compare (similarities):

also, as well, both, in the same way, likewise, similarly, just as, compared to, in comparison, correspondingly, by the same token, equally important, analogous to

Contrast (disagreement):

while it is true that, although, even though, despite, on the other hand, however, be that as it may, nevertheless, yet, whereas, but, instead, whereas, in contrast, on the contrary, in spite of, different from, after all, while, a different view is, alternatively, even so, conversely, otherwise, still, unlike, in another way

Show cause and effect:

as a result, because, consequently, hence, thereby, therefore, thus, in effect, then, for this reason, under those circumstances, henceforth, accordingly, thereupon, so, since, due to, owing to, resulting in, after, at that time, before, concurrently, followed by, for this purpose, initially, previously, so then, subsequently

Set up a quotation:

as (author) states, according to (author), the article states, as the writer says, the writer clearly states: ..., this means that..., in other words, put it more simply

Give an example:

for example, for instance, as an illustration, as a case in point, in particular, in general, specifically, as an example, more specifically, such as, in fact, chiefly, illustrated by, in the/this case, including, markedly, namely, notably, to demonstrate, to illustrate, that is to say, including, especially, mainly, mostly

Summarize:

overall, all in all, finally, in brief, on the whole, in summary, in other words, in conclusion, to summarize, consequently, accordingly, hence, thus, therefore, and so, for this reason, in closing, in short, to sum up, all in all, as a result, briefly, by and large, in any case, in any event, on the whole, to conclude, ultimately