

# Transitions

To show...	Use...
Addition	again, also, and, besides, equally important, first, further, finally, furthermore, in addition, additionally, last, moreover, next, other, second, still, too
Comparison	also, in the same way, likewise, similarly, while
Concession	granted, naturally, of course
Contrast	although, at the same time, but, despite, even so, even though, however, in contrast, instead, nevertheless, on the other hand, still, though, yet
Emphasis	certainly, especially, for this reason, indeed, in fact, of course, truly
Example or illustration	after all, even, for example, for instance, in conclusion, indeed, in fact, in other words, of course, specifically, to illustrate, thus
Summary	all in all, altogether, because, finally, in other words, in particular, in summary, on the whole, therefore, to summarize
Time sequence	after a while, afterward, and then, before, earlier, eventually, finally, last, meanwhile, next, shortly, since, soon, still, suddenly, then, today, until, when

## Other ways to show transition:

- repetition of key words and phrases (this helps link paragraphs as well as sentences)
- pronoun reference (this works only if the reference is clear—using “they say” when the antecedent of “they” is not clear only confuses the reader)