

Transition Words and Phrases

to indicate a time relationship	after, afterward, after that, at first, at this time, before, beginning with, beyond, during, earlier, ending with, eventually, finally, following, from then on, in the meantime, last, later, meanwhile, next, now, since, soon, then, until, while
to indicate a spatial placement	below, beside, between, beyond, farther on, here, next to, parallel with
to list or present a series	after, after that, finally, first, lastly, next, second, third
to add information or continue a line of thought	also, another, besides, further, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly
to summarize or show conclusion	accordingly, finally, in conclusion, in other words, in short, to conclude, to sum up, to summarize
to show comparison	by comparison, compared to, in like manner, likewise, similarly
to show contrast	although, but, however, in contrast, nevertheless, on the contrary, on the other hand, unlike
to repeat information or stress a point	above all, in fact, in other words, most important, once again, to repeat
to provide an example or illustrate a point	for example, for instance, such as, to illustrate, that is
to show cause and effect	as a result, because, because of, caused by, consequently, for that reason, that is why, therefore, thus
to state the obvious	certainly, granted that, in fact, most certainly, naturally, obviously, of course, surely, undoubtedly, without a doubt

Compare and Contrast

Topic sentence: _____

Compare

One way they are the same: _____

They both: _____

Contrast

One way they are different: _____

Unlike: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

Description/Explanation

Topic sentence: _____

First: _____

In addition: _____

Also: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

Sequence

Topic sentence: _____

First: _____

Next: _____

Finally: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

Cause and Effect

Topic sentence: _____

(cause): _____

That is why: _____

Another effect is: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

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Contrast

One way they are different: _____

Unlike: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

Problem and Solution

Topic sentence: _____

The problem is: _____

A solution is: _____

Another solution is: _____

Concluding sentence: _____
