

How to Use Transitional Words and Phrases

To Introduce Examples

for example
for instance
to illustrate

in one instance
in one case
in fact

to begin with
in one example
as proof

To Add Another Point

in addition to
also
another

besides
furthermore
moreover

second, third, ...
a further

To Show Time Relationships

before
after
next
then
finally
soon

since
meanwhile
eventually
at last
afterward
at this point

in the meantime
to begin with
at the same time
not long after
as time passed
first, second, etc.

To Signal Results or Effects

as a result
because (of)
therefore

due to
for this reason
in response to

thus
consequently

To Show Comparison or Contrast

similarly
like
the same as
on the contrary

unlike
just as
as well as
equally important

different from
in contrast
on the other hand

To Connect Ideas

yet
however

though
so

nevertheless
moreover

(Note: Commas are often used behind these transitional words and phrases.)