

TRANSITIONS



Transitions bridge the gap between two different ideas. They are **ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL** when creating a smooth-flowing essay or speech. You need to use transitions between your main points or paragraphs (Points 1, 2, or 3).

Example Transitions:

The type of transition used depends on the kind of information you are trying to tie together and the organizational style you are using. Below is a list of ways that essays can be organized.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER		
after also before begin earlier	end finally first, second, third in _____ year lastly	later meanwhile now old soon

MAIN IDEA & DETAILS	
To Further Explain	To Conclude/Wrap Up:
additionally in addition to along with another as well as before long besides for example further not only	as you can see clearly in closing in conclusion so therefore understandably

TRANSITIONS CONTINUED

CAUSE & EFFECT	
Cause	Effect
as a result of because due to if . . . since	as a result consequently resulted in . . . then so

COMPARE & CONTRAST	
Compare	Contrast
additionally also as well as common further like likewise in the same way similarly too	but conversely in contrast different from opposite in opposition to on the other hand in spite of unlike whereas yet
