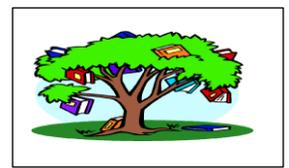


Toward Better Literacy: Reference Outlines



Making Smooth Transitions

Transitions help writing flow like a river to a destination, or dance without abrupt or unanticipated moves.

- Help your reader to anticipate, then bring fulfillment.
- Know what you are trying to do: to build, redirect, contradict, illustrate, etc.
- Transitions link **ideas** in sentences, **sentences** in paragraphs, and **paragraphs** in essays.

Methods

- Pick up words from the previous paragraph
- Continue an illustration
- Maintain a line of reasoning
- Make no abrupt jumps or breaks
- Make specific, not general, transitions

Transition elements can be:

Adverbs:	However,	Therefore,
Prepositional phrases:	For example,	In other words
Infinitives:	To reiterate,	To put it briefly,
Participial phrases:	Considering the drawbacks,	Given the consequences
Subordinate clauses:	Although this sounds OK,	When all is said and done

The following list is sorted according to their usual **function** in writing.

Sequence:	Cause/Effect:	Comparison:	Support:	Conclusion:
First of all,	Because ____,	Similarly,	In fact,	In short,
Second,	Because of ____,	Similar to ____,	For example,	To sum up,
Next,	Since ____,	Likewise,	For instance,	To put it
briefly,				
Finally,	As ____,	In the same vein,	In particular,	Overall,
Lastly,	Due to ____,	On the other hand,	Specifically,	Given ____,
In the past,	Therefore,	Compared to ____,	In other words,	Given that
Previously,	Consequently,	Unlike ____,	Furthermore,	All things
				considered,
				All in all,
Initially,	Thus,	Whereas ____,	Moreover,	
Before ____,	As a result,	In contrast,	Also,	
In modern times,	Accordingly,	However,	Again,	
Currently,	For this reason,	Nevertheless,	Besides ____,	
Meanwhile,	This is why	That said,	In addition,	
During ____,	So that ____,	Although ____,	Additionally,	
Subsequently,	In order to ____,	Even though ____,	Of course,	
Later,	For __ to ____,	Despite ____,	Incidentally,	
As soon as ____,	If this is true, then	__ notwithstanding,		
After ____,	Otherwise,	On one hand,		
Eventually,	In any case,			