**Transitions**

Use transitions to show relationships between ideas and paragraphs, to show a change of  
ideas, and to help your paper flow smoothly.

Transitional Sentences

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| **Provide Examples** | **Add Information** | **Indicate Time/Order/Emphasis** |
| For example  For instance  To illustrate  Specifically  In this case | In addition  Furthermore  Additionally  Also  Another  And | Now Foremost  At the same time Above all  Up to now Most of all  At present To emphasize  From then on  Until then  Formerly  Initially  Earlier  Immediately  Gradually |
| *For instance, students can schedule weekly tutoring appointments or choose walk-in sessions for quick help.* | *In addition, online tutoring is available in several subjects.* | *Initially, students may be hesitant to seek help.* |
| **Compare** | **Contrast or Concede a Point** | **Restate, Clarify, or Summarize** |
| Similarly  In comparison  Likewise  Just like  Just as  In the same way  Transitional Sentences | Otherwise  In contrast  On the other hand  Instead  Whereas  Despite this  However  Nevertheless  On the contrary  But  Even though | In conclusion  To conclude  To sum up  In summary  Accordingly  Clearly  Consequently  Finally  Since  As a result  To reiterate |
| *In comparison, students who attend regular tutoring sessions are less likely to feel lost and frustrated.* | *On the other hand, many high-achieving students have regular tutoring sessions in order to maintain their grades.* | *In summary, the Tutoring and Learning Center can meet the needs of all students in a variety of ways.* |

**Using Transitional Words and Phrases**

Transitions can be used to link ideas within a paragraph, paragraphs within a section, and sections within a writing assignment.

**Writing Assignment**

**Section 1**

**Section 2**

**Transition**

**Paragraph 2**

**Transition**

**Paragraph 1**

**Idea 2**

**Idea 1**

**Transition**

1. **Idea Transitions:** Transitions within paragraphs help readers anticipate what is coming and ease the transition of ideas. Single words or short phrases serve as cues that connect the two ideas and prevent a “choppy” paragraph.
2. **Paragraph Transitions:**  A transition between two paragraphs will summarize the previous paragraph and include content from the next paragraph. Paragraphs should be in a logical order of thought which will make the transitions easier. Transitions can be at the end of the first paragraph, at the beginning of the second paragraph, or in both places.
3. **Section Transitions:** Mostly used in longer writing assignments, a transitional paragraph between sections may be important in reviewing the information just presented and explaining how it is connected to next section.