

Transition Words and Phrases for Effective Writing

Writing Across the Curriculum
Plainfield High School

Time			
After a while	Currently	Immediately	Recently
Afterwards	During	In the future	Soon
At last	Finally	Later	Suddenly
At present	First, (second, third, etc.)	Meanwhile	Then
Briefly	Gradually	Now	Finally
In the beginning	At the end	In addition to	Today
Tomorrow	Yesterday	That day	Over time
As soon as	Sometimes	As long as	Before
Earlier	Presently	Simultaneously	So far
Place			
Above	Beside	In front of	Outside
Across	Beyond	Inside	To the east (west, etc.)
Among	Between	In the middle	Toward
Behind	Farther	Nearby	Within
Below	Here	Next to	
Order of Importance			
The most significant	The most important	The primary reason	Above all
Equally important	Furthermore	Indeed	A major factor
Especially	In fact	Moreover	A major reason
Finally	In particular	Of major concern	Another significant
One of the greatest	Another factor	Another example	Another argument
Initially	First, second, third...	Primarily	
Comparisons and Contrasts			
The best thing	The worst thing	In contrast	In comparison
On the other hand	However	Unlike the	Similarly
Again	Also	In the same way	Likewise
Yet	On the contrary	Nevertheless	After all
At the same time	Otherwise	Though	Nonetheless
Conclusions and Summations			
In conclusion	In summary	Finally	In closing
All in all	As has been noted	In any event	In other words
As I have shown	Thus	Accordingly	As mentioned earlier
Cause and Effect			
As a result	Due to	Therefore	Leads to
Because	If...then...	Thus	Consequently
Accordingly	For this purpose	Then	To this end