

Essay Writing: Transition Words

1. Sentence-openers (when used with care).

And furthermore	or nor indeed	also
Moreover	in fact	first, second...

2. Adding and illustrating or expanding your point.

For instance	similarly	likewise
For example		

3. You are adding up consequences, summarizing minor points to emphasize a major point.

Therefore	thus	finally
So	on the whole	all in all
And so	in other words	in short
Hence	consequently	

4. You are adding a qualifying point or illustration.

Frequently	specifically	especially
In particular	usually	in general
Occasionally		

5. You are conceding a point to the opposition, or recognizing a point just off your main line.

Of course	to be sure	no doubt
Granted (that)	doubtless	certainly

6. You are reversing or deflecting the line of thought, usually back to your own side.

But	not at all	however
Surely	on the contrary	no
Yet		

7. You return the thought to your own side after a concession.

Still	nevertheless	notwithstanding
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