

# Connecting Words and Transition Signals

Sentences in a paragraph must be logically connected without any sudden changes in thinking. Connecting words and transition signals link ideas and indicate the type of information the reader will encounter. These words guide the reader from sentence to sentence, which is called coherence.

Purpose	Transition Signals and Conjunctive Adverbs	Coordinating and Paired Conjunctions	Subordinating Conjunctions	Adjectives, Prepositions, Verbs
To add an opposite idea	However, ... On the other hand, ... Nevertheless, ... Nonetheless, ... In contrast, ...	..., but ... ..., yet ...	... neither ... nor ...	despite in spite of
To add a similar or equal idea	Also, ... Besides, ... Furthermore, ... In addition, ... Moreover, ... Additionally, ...	, and ... ... both ... and ... ... not only ... but also...		... as well as... another yet another
To show similarities	Likewise, ... Similarly, ...	..., and ... ... both ... and ... ... not only ... but also... ... neither ... nor ...		to be similar to in comparison with/to compared with/to as well as as well too
To give an alternative	..., or ... ... either ... or ... ... whether ... or ... ..., nor ...			
To give an example	For example, ... For instance, ... Specifically, ... To illustrate, ...			... such as ... an example of to exemplify

To give further explanation	In other words, ... In particular, ... That is, ...			
To give a result	Accordingly, ... As a consequence, ... As a result, ... Consequently, ... For these reasons, ... Hence, ... Therefore, ... Thus, ...	..., <b>so</b> ...		as a result of due to
To give a reason	For this reason, ...	..., for ...	because as since	
To make a statement stronger	Indeed, ... In fact, ...			

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