

TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSIONS CHART

You can use this chart in two ways: one way is to use the group headings; the other is to find the transition you may be overusing and see what other words might be substituted for it.

To link similar ideas or add an idea

accordingly	first	in the same way	second
after	finally	last	secondly
again	for instance	last of all	similarly
also	further	likewise	then
and	furthermore	moreover	third
and then	in addition	most important	too
another	in a like manner	next	
besides	indeed	of course	
equally important	initially	other	

To show most-least

above all	important	particularly
especially	most important	

To develop spatially

above	beside	outside	near
below	next to	to the west (north, etc.)	nearby
behind	inside	beneath	next to

To limit or contradict an idea or to show a contrast

after	despite	in my opinion	otherwise
after all	even if	in other instances	provided that
although	even so	in spite of	still
although true	even though	instead	whereas
and yet	for all that	nevertheless	unlike
as if	granted that	nor	
at the same time	however	notwithstanding	
but	in contrast	on the contrary	
conversely	in effect	on the other hand	

TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSIONS CHART (continued)To indicate cause, purpose or result

accordingly	for	in short	then
as	for that reason	otherwise	therefore
as a result	for this reason	since	thus
as a consequence	hence	so	truly
because	hitherto	so far	
consequently	in conclusion	subsequently	

To indicate time or position

above	before	in the future	since
across	beyond	in the meantime	soon
after	currently	in the past	suddenly
after a short time	during	last of all	temporarily
after that	earlier	lately	then
afterward	eventually	later	thereafter
around	finally	meanwhile	thereupon
as long as	first (second, etc.)	nearly	to being with
as soon as	first of all	next	today
at last	following	now	tomorrow
at length	here	of late	until
at present	immediately	opposite to	when
at that time	initially	presently	while
at the outset	in the beginning	shortly	yesterday

To indicate an example or examples

* as a result	in any case	In fact	sometimes
as you can see	in any event	in other words	specifically
* consequently	in brief	for one thing	that is
certainly	in some cases	many times	therefore
for example	incidentally	on the whole	in particular
for instance	indeed	some	thus

To indicate a comparison

in a like manner	likewise	so it is
in comparison	similarly	

TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSIONS CHART (continued)

To indicate a summary or conclusion (plus starred items under "example")

briefly	in conclusion	on the whole	to conclude
certainly	in short	put simply	to summarize
in brief	in summary	stated briefly	to sum up

To indicate concession

after all	at the same time	even though	naturally
although this may be true	even so	I admit	of course
			perhaps