

Transitional Words and Phrases

Remember: Use a comma after transitional words and phrases at the beginning of a sentence

1. To **compare** a related idea (similarities):

also	besides	in the same way
and	further	in the same vein
again	furthermore	in fact
as a matter of fact	in like manner	moreover
anyway	likewise	not only...but also
similarly	still more	in addition

2. To **contrast** a related idea (differences):

conversely	nevertheless	otherwise
however	on the contrary	rather
in contrast to	on the other hand	

3. To show **consequence** (outcomes):

accordingly	for this reason	it follows that
as a result	in accordance with	therefore
consequently	thus	with this ...in mind
hence		

4. To **summarize** (overview of the main idea):

finally	in the same way	of this sort
for better or worse	in conclusion	of this type
in this fashion	in these circumstances	on the whole
in this way	indeed	such being the case
in this manner		

5. To provide an **example** of an idea (concrete details):

for example	in other words	that is
for instance	namely	that is to say
in fact	such as	in particular
indeed	specifically	

6. To show degree or **order** (sequence):

above all	in conclusion	first, second, third
after that	next	on the whole

7. To show a **time** relationship:

at last	eventually	somewhat later
at the same time	formerly	soon after
at this point	meanwhile	subsequently
by the time that	now	then
afterwards	presently	thereafter
thereupon	henceforth	

8. To show a **spatial** relationship (physical space):

above	below	straight ahead
at the right, left	in the distance	to the right, left