

Time Transitions		
Shortly after that	Meanwhile	Soon
Along the way	Before long	Earlier
After all of that	Later on	Eventually
An hour later	Without delay	Immediately
At that very moment	At last	Next
Later that same day	During all of this	As soon as
Not a moment too soon	While this was happening	

Thought Transitions		
Also	Furthermore	For example
Mainly	Because	Otherwise
Without warning	Even though	Suddenly
Which, if I must say so myself		

## Some Common English Transition Words and Phrases

Adding Information	Examples
and not only . . . but also also moreover (more formal) furthermore (more formal) in addition (more formal)	We have seen the movie twice, <b>and</b> now we want to see it again. <b>Not only</b> did my brother break his leg, <b>but</b> he <b>also</b> bruised his rib. My friend speaks Korean and English. She <b>also</b> speaks Chinese. Cheating is dishonest. <b>Moreover</b> , it hinders students from learning. Students should be on time. <b>Furthermore</b> , they must be prepared. You must <u>complete</u> this essay by 5 p.m. <b>In addition</b> , you must do the exercises on page 47.

<p><b>Giving Examples</b></p> <p>for example for instance specifically in particular The first (second, another, etc.) example/reason is . . .</p>	<p><b>Examples</b></p> <p>I have been to many countries. <b>For example</b>, I have been to Russia, Canada, Mexico, and Spain. He often eats strange foods. <b>For instance</b>, he once ate cow brains. I like to travel. <b>Specifically</b>, I enjoy places with old cathedrals. I love fruit. <b>In particular</b>, I like bananas, pineapple, and berries. My friend hates skiing for several reasons. <b>The first reason</b> is that she dislikes being cold. <b>Another reason</b> is that she often falls.</p>
<p><b>Showing a Contrast</b></p> <p>but however on the other hand otherwise instead in contrast (more formal)</p>	<p><b>Examples</b></p> <p>Bill earned an A on his essay, <b>but</b> Susan got a B. We wanted to leave at 8:00. <b>However</b>, Mike arrived too late. She hates housecleaning. <b>On the other hand</b>, she doesn't mind cooking. Students should attend class. <b>Otherwise</b>, they may lose their status. I am not going out tonight. <b>Instead</b>, I will stay home and watch a video. Women usually enjoy shopping. <b>In contrast</b>, men often dislike it.</p>
<p><b>Showing a Concession</b></p> <p>yet nevertheless (more formal) even so however although even though despite the fact that . . . despite</p>	<p><b>Examples</b></p> <p>He knows that he should do his homework, <b>yet</b> he never does it. I need to wear <u>reading glasses</u>. <b>Nevertheless</b>, I hate how I look in them. I know you don't like to study. <b>Even so</b>, you must pass your exam. There are many benefits to exercising. <b>However</b>, you must take some precautions to avoid injury. <b>Even though</b> the book is difficult to read, it is very interesting. <b>Although</b> the book is difficult to read, it is very interesting. <b>Despite the fact that</b> Kate is good at tennis, she lost the match. <b>Despite</b> Kate's skill at tennis, she lost the match.</p>
<p><b>Showing a Similarity</b></p> <p>likewise (more formal) similarly (more formal) in the same way</p>	<p><b>Examples</b></p> <p>Math was hard for me in high <u>school</u>. <b>Likewise</b>, it is hard in college. Houseplants require much care and attention. <b>Similarly</b>, outdoor plants must be cared for properly. Rock climbing takes much practice and skill. <b>In the same way</b>, learning to write well requires a great deal of</p>

	practice.
<p><b>Showing a Result</b></p> <p>so as a result therefore thus (more formal) as a consequence consequently (more formal)</p>	<p><b>Examples</b></p> <p>Janet passed her exam, <b>so</b> she is very happy. Tim was late. <b>As a result</b>, we could not go to the concert. James is not feeling well. <b>Therefore</b>, he will not be here today. The committee voted against the proposal. <b>Thus</b>, we must consider another idea. I forgot that the cake was in the oven. <b>As a consequence</b>, it burned. Tina lost her keys. <b>Consequently</b>, she could not drive home.</p>
<p><b>Establishing Time Relation or Sequence</b></p> <p>first second finally in conclusion in summary meanwhile</p>	<p><b>Examples</b></p> <p><b>First</b>, I think that she is studying hard. <b>Second</b>, I believe that she is a bright student. <b>Finally</b>, I know that she has great potential. <b>In conclusion</b>, I feel that she deserves to win the scholarship. <b>In summary</b>, we should offer her some financial help. Jeff was working hard to clean the house. <b>Meanwhile</b>, his brother was watching television.</p>
<p><b>Showing a Condition</b></p> <p>or whether . . . or if . . . (then)</p>	<p><b>Examples</b></p> <p>I must study hard, <b>or</b> I will fail my exam. <b>Whether</b> you are coming <b>or</b> not, I am still going to Amy's party. <b>If</b> you want to get good grades, <b>then</b> you must do your homework.</p>
<p><b>Explaining or Emphasizing</b></p> <p>in fact actually in other words namely (more formal)</p>	<p><b>Examples</b></p> <p>The bookstore sells cards. <b>In fact</b>, they have the best cards around. James is <b>actually</b> the first person I have known who has been to Africa. He was late to class again. <b>In other words</b>, he didn't wake up on time. The plan needed only two things to succeed—<b>namely</b>, time and money.</p>
<p><b>Giving an Alternative</b></p> <p>or either . . . or neither . . . nor (more formal)</p>	<p><b>Examples</b></p> <p>We can go to the beach, <b>or</b> we can go to the mountains. You can <b>either</b> ride the bus <b>or</b> walk to my apartment. I like <b>neither</b> that person <b>nor</b> his brother.</p>