



Transition words

These words indicate links between sentences and paragraphs but also major sections of text. Below is a list of transition words. They have been divided according to the structure they fulfil.

Listing / giving examples

Firstly, secondly, thirdly,
In the first place, in the second place,
To begin with,
Then,
Finally,
For example, / instance,
To take one example,

Adding on

Furthermore
In addition
Besides
Not only ... but also
As well (as)
Moreover
What's more

Comparing and Contrasting

On the one hand, ... on the other hand
Contrary to
As opposed to
In contrast to
Whereas, while
Similarly,
However,
Nevertheless,
This is why

Expressing cause and effect

For this reason
Consequently,
Because of this / that
So,
Therefore
As a result
.. resulting in..
which caused / led to / gave rise to

Concluding

In other words,
On the whole,
In conclusion,
In short,
Basically,
In sum,