

HOMESCHOOL HELPERS

COMMON TRANSITION WORDS

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Transition words can be very helpful when you are writing. They help connect the ideas between your sentences and paragraphs. They help the reader understand what you are trying to say. Post a copy of these transition words in a place where you can see it when you are writing.

Purpose	Words and Phrases
To add information or continue a line of thought	And, too, also, in addition, again, further, besides, another, equally important, similarly
To limit, contradict, or contrast an idea	But, yet, however, still, on the contrary, although, nevertheless, on the other hand
To stress a point	Above all, even more, in other words, most important
To illustrate a point	For example, for instance, as you will see, to illustrate
To show cause/effect or results	Therefore, as a result, consequently, for this reason, because
To list, to present a series of events/ideas	First, second, third, then, next, after that, lastly, finally
To indicate time order	Before, after, since, then, later, finally, in the meantime, now, at this time, during, presently, eventually, gradually, afterward
To indicate spatial order	Here, there, beyond, farther on, to the left/right, over, between, beside, nearby, below
To summarize or conclude	Therefore, in conclusion, in other words, as a result, on the whole, in summary, in short, to sum up

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