**Transition Words & Phrases**

**Anchor Chart**

**What are transitions and what do they do?**

* They are words and phrases that form ***idea bridges*** for the reader to let them know how the information they just read is related to the information they are about to read.
* Transitions show the reader how your ideas fit together so they are more likely to be persuaded by your argument.

**Where are they located?**

Transitions are located within sentences, between sentences, and between paragraphs.

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| **To prove** | Because, since, for the same reason, obviously, furthermore, in fact, in addition |
| **To provide an example** | for example, for instance, in other words, namely, specifically, to illustrate, to demonstrate, in particular |
| **To show result** | accordingly, as a result, consequently, so, thereby, therefore, thus, finally,  |
| **To add more information** | also, and, as well, besides, equally important, finally, furthermore, in addition |
| **To show cause** | as, because, for, since, due to |
| **To show sequence** | first, (second, third, fourth, fifth), next, following this, subsequently, consequently, finally, therefore |
| **To show time** | afterward, before, currently, eventually, finally, immediately, in the future, in the past, later, meanwhile, next, often, sometimes, soon, subsequently, then, today, when |
| **To summarize ideas** | finally, in conclusion, in short, in summary, to sum up, therefore |
| **To compare ideas** | in the same way, likewise, similarly, similar to, also, again |
| **To contrast ideas** | at the same time, but, conversely, even so, even though, however, in contrast, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the one hand, on the other hand, still, yet, in comparison, in contrast, on the contrary, as opposed to, despite, unlike, although, conversely |