

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.

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