

## Transition or Linking Words

Transition words, when used properly, help readers better understand your work. Your thoughts and ideas are connected through the use of well placed transition words. They help to organize and clarify the sequence or order of your writing.

Consider using some of the following transition words in your responses:

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| Cause and Effect      | as a result<br>consequently<br>for this reason<br>however<br>in addition<br>in other words    | since<br>therefore<br>moreover                                    |
| Compare and Contrast  | also<br>although<br>but<br>by contrast<br>compared with (to)<br>different from<br>even though | however<br>like<br>on the other hand<br>similarly<br>still<br>yet |
| Examples and Emphasis | again<br>and<br>besides<br>for example<br>for instance  | in addition<br>in particular<br>since<br>specifically<br>such as  |
| Order or Sequence     | to begin with<br>first<br>then<br>secondly<br>thirdly   | finally<br>in conclusion<br>most importantly<br>next<br>lastly    |
| Relationship of Time  | before<br>once<br>now<br>during<br>after<br>later   | next<br>meanwhile<br>at the same time<br>finally                  |
| Space/Location        | ahead<br>around<br>behind<br>below  | beside<br>beyond<br>inside<br>underneath                          |