Transitional Words and Phrases

Transitions are words or phrases that connect one point, sentence, or paragraph so that arguments and examples flow easily between ideas. There are many transition words that can be used to compare, contrast, or continue thoughts. Depending on the situation, the appropriate word to use will change.

Similarity:
- Additionally
- Also
- And
- In the same way
- Moreover
- Equally important
- Similarly
- Likewise

Contrast:
- Although
- But
- However
- Nevertheless
- On the other hand
- In contrast to
- On the contrary
- Otherwise

Order:
- First
- Second
- Next
- Then
- Finally

Time:
- After
- Before
- During
- In the future/past
- Then

Continuing:
- Also
- And
- More to the point
- Moreover
- Another
- Next
- Second
- Even better
- Similarly
- Equally important
- Then
- In addition to
- Indeed
- Best of all
- Last
- More important
- Worst of all

Place:
- Above
- Below
- Beyond
- In back
- In front
- Alongside
- Around
- At a distance
- Close to
- Far from
- Farther
- In the middle

Cause and Effect:
- Accordingly
- Consequently
- So
- Therefore
- Thus

Example:
- For example
- For instance
- Namely
- Specifically
- To illustrate

Additional Support:
- Additionally
- As well
- Equally important
- Furthermore
- Moreover

Emphasis:
- Even
- Indeed
- In fact
- Of course
- Truly
- Certainly
- Especially important
- In particular
- Obviously
- Undoubtedly

Conclude:
- Accordingly
- As a result
- Clearly
- Consequently
- For thus reason
- Obviously
- Therefore
- Thus