

Transitional Words and Phrases

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Addition

Furthermore, moreover, also, again, in addition, even more, next, further, last, lastly. Finally, besides, and, or, nor

Time

While, immediately, never, after, later, earlier, always, when, soon, whenever, meanwhile, sometimes, in the meantime, during, afterwards, now, until now, next, following, once, then, at length, simultaneously, so far, this time, subsequently

Exemplification or Illustration

to illustrate, to demonstrate, specifically, for instance, as an illustration, for example

Comparison

in the same way, by the same token, similarly, in like manner, likewise, in similar fashion

Contrast

yet, and yet, nevertheless, nonetheless, after all, but, however, though, otherwise, on the contrary, in contrast, notwithstanding, on the other hand, at the same time

Effect

therefore, consequently, accordingly, thus, hence, as a result

Purpose

in order that, so that, to that end, to this end, for this purpose

Qualification

almost, nearly, probably, never, always, frequently, perhaps, maybe, although

Intensification

indeed, to repeat, by all means, of course, certainly, without doubt, undoubtedly, in fact, surely, in fact

Concession

to be sure, granted, of course, it is true

Summary

to summarize, in sum, in brief, to sum up, in short, in summary