

USING TRANSITIONAL MARKERS

A transitional marker is a word or phrase placed at or near the beginning of a sentence to indicate its relation to the preceding sentence. Be wary of cluttering your writing with unnecessary 'however's', 'moreovers', and 'consequently's'. But you should be equally careful to know these markers and to use them when they create clarity.

Here is a list of many of the common transitional words and phrases:

TO INDICATE ADDITION

Again, also, and, and then, besides, equally important, finally, first, further, furthermore, in addition, last, moreover, next, second, too

TO INDICATE CAUSE AND EFFECT

Accordingly, as a result, consequently, hence, in short, otherwise, then, therefore, thus, truly

TO INDICATE COMPARISON

In a like manner, likewise, similarly

TO INDICATE CONCESSION

After all, although this may be true, at the same time, even though, I admit, naturally, of course

TO INDICATE CONTRAST

After all, although true, and yet, at the same time, but, for all that, however, in contrast, in spite of, nevertheless, notwithstanding, on the contrary, on the other hand, still, yet

TO INDICATE SPECIAL FEATURES OR EXAMPLES

For examples, for instance, incidentally, indeed, in fact, in other words, in particular, specifically, that is, to illustrate

TO INDICATE SUMMARY

In brief, in conclusion, in short, on the whole, to conclude, to summarise, to sum up