

Transitions

Transitions are like bridges between your ideas-they help your readers move from one idea to the next. Here are some transition words and phrases you may wish to use in your essays or reader responses. Keep in mind that they can be used at the beginning of a sentence or within a sentence.

If you are just starting to state your claims/reasons/evidence/examples:

-first of all -to begin -to start

If you are adding information or showing similarity between ideas:

-additionally -besides -so too
-in addition -also -likewise
-as well as -another -finally
-secondly -thirdly -lastly
-to add -moreover -furthermore

If you are showing that one idea is different from another:

-however -even though -on the other hand
-yet -despite -regardless
-but -although -some people say

If you are showing that something is an example of what you just stated:

-for example -to illustrate -this can be seen
-for instance -namely -specifically

If you want to show cause an effect:

-as a result -consequently -so
-eventually -therefore -it follows that

If you want to add emphasis:

-in fact -of course -truly
-even -indeed -obviously
-clearly -definitely -positively

Evidence sentence starters:

- One piece of evidence to support the claim
- The text states,
- The text discusses
- The text implies
- The author stated,
- The author informs the reader
- To support this claim, the text says,

Elaboration sentence starters:

- This evidence connects to the claim
- This piece of evidence supports the claim
- This shows

***You can always add transition words to any of these sentence starters!**