

Young Author's List of Transitions

Be sure you understand the meanings of these transitional words and phrases before you use them. Most of the time they require a comma after them.

After	I'll be the first to admit	The following example
After a few days	If you look at it that way	The next step
After awhile	In a little while	Then
After all	In addition	There is no doubt that
After that	In any case	Third
After that step	In any event	This takes us to
Afterward	In closing	Though
All in all	In conclusion	To begin
Also	In fact	To begin with
Although	In other words	To illustrate my point
Although it is true	In particular	To illustrate this
Another example	In the beginning	To put it differently
As a general rule	In the first place	To start off
As a result	In the same way	To sum up my thoughts
As I have said	Incidentally	Until
As soon as	Last	Usually
As we have seen	Later	What happened next
At first	Later on	When
At last	Let me explain.	When all is said and done
At that time	Let's look at it a different way	When you look at it
At the same time	Likewise	that way
At this point	Looking back	Without warning
Because	Meanwhile	You see
Because of this	Moving right along	
Before	Naturally	
Besides	Nevertheless	
Beyond	Next	
By the same token	Now	
By the way	Obviously	
By this time	Of course	
Consequently	On the other hand	
Finally	Once again	
First	Once that is done	
First of all	Perhaps	
For an instant	Put another way	
For example	Second	
For instance	Simply stated	
For now	Since	
For one thing	So then	
For the time being	Sometimes	
From now on	Soon	
Furthermore	Specifically	
Gradually	Suddenly	
However	The first step	

ORDINALS

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When you write out directions
and list the steps to take,
Make sure you get your
ordinals right,
Don't make a big mistake.
For they are first and second,
third and fourth, you see.
Don't add an "-ly" to the end:
It is NOT *secondly*.
Thirdly makes me shudder,
Fourthly makes me scoff,
So write them second, third
and fourth,
And leave the "-ly" off.

TRANSITIONS CHART

SIZE TRANSITIONS

The largest	Larger than	The smallest	The small-sized	The tallest
The next largest	Equal to	The next smallest	The medium-sized	The shortest
The smallest	Smaller than	The largest	The large-sized	

TIME TRANSITIONS

First,	Now	At the beginning of	Thereafter,	By this time,	Before
Then,	Soon	In the middle of	Presently,	At the same time,	In the meantime
Next,	Then	At the end of	After a short time,	At that instant,	Meanwhile
At last,	Later		Soon thereafter,	Immediately,	During
				Simultaneously,	After
					Afterwards

First,	In the morning,	Yesterday,	The first
Second,	Before noon,	Today,	A more recent
Third,	In the afternoon,	Tomorrow,	The most recent
Finally,	In the evening,	The day after tomorrow,	
In the past,	The next day,	This year,	The earliest
In the present,	Two weeks later,	Next year,	The next earliest
In the future,	Six months later,	In the next few years,	The most recent

SPACE TRANSITIONS

behind	on the edge of	beside	in front of	west of	high
over	toward	around	facing	east of	against
under	throughout	near	in back of	north of	alongside
below	to the right of	side by side	in the center	south of	ahead of
beneath	to the left of	close to	inside	at the	here
low down	on top of	next to	outside	in	there
on the bottom	at the top	down	at the end of	on	beyond
on the corner	by	up	between	above	farther on

IMPORTANCE TRANSITIONS

The best	The most important	The first	The best
The next best	Equally important	More important than	The next best
The least best	The next important	Most important	The worst
	The least important		

CHAIN-LINK TRANSITIONS

On the one hand,	One example of	In the first place,	In other words,	The first
On the other hand,	For instance,	In the second place,	In fact,	The second
	Another example	In the third place,	Also,	The third
Again,	A further example			
Besides,	For example,	One	Because	First,
Moreover,	For another example,	Another	Since	Second,
		A further	As	Third,
	Still another	Further,	Still,	Specifically,
	In addition,	Furthermore,	While	More specifically,
	In the same way,		Instead	In particular,
	In fact,			
The opposite of_ is_	Additionally,	The last	Indeed,	As a result,
On the contrary side	Lastly,	Last	Although	Consequently,
To the contrary,	Similar to_ is _		Even though	Naturally,
In contrast,	Another similar_ is _		Even if	After all,
In spite of	Likewise,	Nevertheless,		
Despite the	Similarly,	Nonetheless,		
	A dissimilar_ is _			

CONCLUDING TRANSITIONS

To conclude,		To sum up	As you can see,
In conclusion,	In sum,	To summarize,	As a result,
In summary,	In brief,	Thus,	Finally,
	In short,	Therefore,	