

TRANSITIONAL PHRASES

The use of transitional phrases help to clarify the meaning and guide the reader from point to point throughout the essay. Additionally they provide the appearance of organization. Some helpful phrases follow:

To Clarify a sequence of events: first, second, third, next, finally, last

To show a similar relationship: similarly, in like manner, likewise

To point out a dissimilarity: in opposition to, in contrast to, on the other hand

To emphasize a point: indeed, in fact, surely, certainly

To show or point out a result: consequently, as a result, therefore, hence

To summarize a position: in summation, finally, in conclusion, in short

To illustrate a point: for example, by way of illustration, for instance

To contrast a position: on the otherhand, however, but, yet, despite, although

To record time: now, gradually, later, eventually, immediately, at once, at this point, next, afterward, soon, then