

Transitional (word) Expressions

When writing dialogue such as reviews, letters, reports, research findings and various types of reports, you might have difficulty deciding when to stop one paragraph and start the next. The results are usually one or a few very long paragraphs. English writing classes can be of great help with this skill but for now; learn to continue the flow of what you are saying with transitional word expressions. Link sentences by using such transitional expressions as the following:

ADDITION: again, also, and, another, besides, finally, first, furthermore, in addition, lastly, likewise, moreover, secondly, thirdly, too

COMPARISON: equally important, in like manner, likewise, similarly

CONTRAST: although, at the same time, but, however, in contrast to this, instead, nevertheless, on the contrary, on the other hand, still, yet

TIME: after a while, afterwards, at first, at last, at length, before, by this time, during, first, immediately, in the meantime, later, meanwhile, now, soon, then, thereafter

PLACE: adjacent to, beside, between, beyond, farther on, here, nearby, opposite, over, there, to the left

RESULT: as a result, consequently, hence, indeed, then, therefore, thus

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION: accordingly, as I have discussed, as I have noted, consequently, finally, in brief, in conclusion, in essence, in review, in short, in summary, on the whole, to sum up.

Note: If you put in an internet search for transitional words, you very likely will find more choices.