Transitions help link words, phrases, and ideas in a paper. They help the reader progress from one idea to the next, whether that is through showing similarity, contrast, giving examples, introducing new ideas, etc. In other words, transitions create a logical flow in papers to improve overall coherence and clarity. Depending on where they are used, transitions can be a single word, a couple of words, a sentence, or a whole paragraph. Transitions are used to connect or summarize ideas or to foreshadow the content of the sentence or paragraph to come.

**TYPES OF TRANSITIONS**

**Between sentences**
- Transitions between sentences within a paragraph cue the reader to anticipate the content that follows.
- By connecting the sentences within a paragraph, the reader is able to progress from one idea to the next without sudden breaks.
- Transitions tend to be single words or phrases when used between sentences.

**Between sections and paragraphs**
- In longer papers, transitions at the beginning and the end of paragraphs serve to logically connect the content of each section of a paper.
- Transitions at the beginning and end of paragraphs summarize the content of the previous paragraph and suggest information to come in the following paragraph.

**PROOFREADING FOR TRANSITIONS**
- Look at the end of sentence and paragraph and see how it connect to the sentence of paragraph following it.
- If there does not seem to be a clear connection, you can improve it by clarifying your ideas or using transition words to bridge your ideas.

**COMMON TRANSITION WORDS**

**Addition/Similarity:** similarly, in a similar manner, in a similar vein, in addition, moreover, furthermore, likewise, additionally, together with...

**Opposition/Limitation/Contradiction:** by contrast, conversely, however, although, nevertheless, nonetheless, on one hand...on the other hand, whereas, an opposing view, different from...

**Cause/Effect/Purpose:** as such, as a result, consequently, therefore, thus, for this purpose, it follows that, to this end, otherwise, in effect, because of this, as a result, as a consequence...
Examples/Support/Emphasis: specifically, for example, as one example, for instance, even more, to put it differently, for this reason, interestingly, surprisingly, importantly, in other words, that is...

Conclusion/Summary: in short, in sum, in essence, in brief, overall, all things considered, to summarize, as shown above, given these points...

Time/Chronology/Sequence: first, next, then finally, at the present time, as soon as, as long as, at this instant, whenever, meanwhile, until now, presently, not long after...

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

https://www.monmouth.edu/uploadedFiles/Resources_for_Writers/The_Writing_Process/Transitions.pdf

http://www.smart-words.org/linking-words/transition-words.html

