

Compare & Contrast Essay Transition Words

Transitional words and phrases:

- helps papers read more smoothly
- provide logical organization and understandability
- improve the connections and transitions between thoughts

Transitions indicate relations, whether within a sentence, paragraph, or paper.

This list illustrates "relationships" between ideas, followed by words and phrases that can connect them.

Comparison/Similarities Transitions:

also, again, as well as, besides, coupled with, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly, comparatively, correspondingly, identically, similar, moreover, together with, by the same token

Contrast/Difference Transitions:

contrast, conversely, instead, on one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather, yet, but, however, nevertheless, in contrast

Summarizing Transitions:

after all, all in all, all things considered, briefly, by and large, in any case, in any event, in brief, in conclusion, on the whole, in short, in summary, in the final analysis, in the long run, on balance, to sum up, to summarize, finally, in essence, in other words, in short

Example Transitions:

for example, for instance, for one thing, as an illustration, illustrated with, as an example, in this case, chiefly, especially, for instance, in particular, markedly, namely, particularly, including, specifically, such as