**TRANSITIONS (SENTENCES AND PARAGRAPHS)**

Using transitional words and phrases helps papers read more smoothly by providing coherence.

A coherent paper allows the reader to flow from the first supporting point to the last.

Transitions indicate relationships, whether from sentence to sentence or from paragraph to paragraph. This is a list of “relationships” that supporting ideas may have, followed by a list of “transitional” words and phrases which connect those ideas.

**Addition** also, besides, furthermore, in addition, moreover, again

**Consequence** accordingly, as a result, consequently, hence, otherwise, so then, therefore, thus, thereupon

**Contrast and Comparison** by the same token, conversely, instead, likewise, on one hand, on the contrary, on the other hand, rather, similarly, yet, but, however, still, nevertheless, in contrast

**Direction** here, there, over there, beyond, nearly, opposite, under, above, to the left, to the right, in the distance

**Diversion** by the way, incidentally

**Generalizing** as a rule, as usual, for the most part, generally, generally speaking, ordinarily, usually

**Illustration** for example, for instance, for one thing

**Restatement** in essence, in other words, namely, that is, that is to say, in short, in brief, to put it differently

**Sequence** at first, first of all, to begin with, in the first place, at the same time, for now, for the time being, the next step, in time, in turn, later on, meanwhile, next, then, soon, the meantime, later, while, earlier, simultaneously, afterward, in conclusion

**Similarity** likewise, similarly, moreover

**Summarizing** 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, on the whole, to sum up, to summarize, finally

**TRANSITION WORDS FOR JANE SCHAFFER PARAGRAPHS**

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| CD: Concrete Detailfor examplefor instancethusin particularin this mannerin additionfurthermoremoreoverequally importanttooalsosimilarlyagainfurtherfinallylastlyat lastfirst, second, etc.likewisein like manner | CM: Commentaryindeedtrulyagainto repeatin factgranted thatalthoughthougheven thoughwhile it may be truein spite ofno doubtto be sureit is true thatbuthoweveryetstillneverthelesson the other handfor all of thaton the contraryconverselyin contrast toat the same timenotwithstanding | CS: Concluding Sentenceas a resultaccordinglythushenceconsequentlythereforethenin summaryin conclusionfinallythat isin other wordsin shortin briefto concludeto sum up |