**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 Detail for example  for instance  thus  in particular  in this manner  in addition  furthermore  moreover  equally important  too  also  similarly  again  further  finally  lastly  at last  first, second, etc.  likewise  in like manner | CM: Commentary indeed  truly  again  to repeat  in fact  granted that  although  though  even though  while it may be true  in spite of  no doubt  to be sure  it is true that  but  however  yet  still  nevertheless  on the other hand  for all of that  on the contrary  conversely  in contrast to  at the same time  notwithstanding | CS: Concluding Sentence as a result  accordingly  thus  hence  consequently  therefore  then  in summary  in conclusion  finally  that is  in other words  in short  in brief  to conclude  to sum up |