

# List of transition words

Below, you'll find some 70 of the most frequently used transition words, sorted by category. They're accompanied by example sentences that show how to use them in context.

Transition	Example word/phrase	Example sentence
cause and effect	accordingly	The last place team went bankrupt and is no longer part of the competition. We've adjusted the tables <b>accordingly</b> .
cause and effect	as a result	He forgot to water the plants. <b>As a result</b> , they died.
cause and effect	consequently	The prisoner didn't behave well. <b>Consequently</b> , the guards have decided to put him in isolation.
cause and effect	for this reason	She passed the end exam with flying colors. <b>For this reason</b> , we're throwing a party.
cause and effect	hence	She made quite an impression during the interview. <b>Hence</b> , they've decided to hire her.
cause and effect	so	I've never seen him before, <b>so</b> I can't imagine he's a regular here.
cause and effect	therefore	I'm tired. <b>Therefore</b> , I'm going to bed.
cause and effect	thus	I tried really hard, but sheer willpower wasn't enough for me to float. <b>Thus</b> , we can conclude that gravity exists.
clarification	as an illustration	The animal world can be cruel. <b>As an illustration</b> , take the way lions kill the cubs of rivals.
clarification	in other words	We're letting you go. <b>In other words</b> , you're fired.
clarification	indeed	They claim they're the best in the game. <b>Indeed</b> , they are getting good results with minimal resources.

clarification	that is to say	Beginners, <b>that is to say</b> those with less than 3 years' experience, tend to struggle with this complex task.
clarification	to clarify	I'm not fond of that particular aspect of the plan. <b>To clarify</b> , I'm not opposed to the idea at large.
contrast	at the same time	I don't think I'll go. <b>At the same time</b> , I could use a night out.
contrast	albeit	The chances, <b>albeit</b> low, are not insignificant.
contrast	but	I am not fond of most fruits, <b>but</b> I do like bananas.
contrast	despite	<b>Despite</b> his reservations, they decided to move abroad.
contrast	even though	<b>Even though</b> he's done a great job, I don't think he'll be able to keep it up in the long run.
contrast	however	I've done my best. <b>However</b> , it seems that just wasn't enough.
contrast	nonetheless/nevertheless	I've always felt a bit uncomfortable with zoos. <b>Nevertheless</b> , I enjoy taking my daughter there.
contrast	on the contrary	I didn't say I didn't like it. <b>On the contrary</b> , I thought her performance was fantastic.
contrast	on the other hand	I doubt it's going to be a success. <b>On the other hand</b> , he's surprised me before.
contrast	still	She'd been looking forward to the performance. <b>Still</b> , she was a bit anxious for it.
contrast	whereas	He's very prickly, <b>whereas</b> she's more easygoing.
contrast	while	<b>While</b> I haven't checked the stats, she seems to be having a great game.
contrast	yet	He was advised against taking up fencing. <b>Yet</b> , he decided to go for it.
example	for example	Advertisements aren't always completely honest. <b>For example</b> , the campaigns claiming milk to be essential mainly served the goal of getting rid of excess milk farmers were stuck with.
example	for instance	In the evening, I like to relax. <b>For instance</b> , I enjoy watching TV.

example	to demonstrate	Frogs are very difficult to catch. <b>To demonstrate</b> , I've released eight of them in this room. Good luck, everyone!
emphasis	above all	There are many reasons to exercise regularly. <b>Above all</b> , it keeps you healthy.
emphasis	by all means	I don't want you to feel uncomfortable. <b>By all means</b> , make yourselves at home!
emphasis	most importantly	She enjoys many aspects of her work here. <b>Most importantly</b> , she feels like she can make a difference here.
addition/enumeration	and	What I like most are crisps <b>and</b> pizzas.
addition/enumeration	again	I accept your views, even if I don't agree. <b>Again</b> , I don't want to cause a fuss.
addition/enumeration	as well as	There will be drinks <b>as well as</b> a DJ.
addition/enumeration	firstly/secondly	<b>Firstly</b> , I'm going to write a post. <b>Secondly</b> , I'm recording some video lessons.
addition/enumeration	furthermore	In the next twenty years, I hope to develop my skills as a guitar player. <b>Furthermore</b> , I want to play a couple of shows.
addition/enumeration	in addition	I'm going to work on my novel today. <b>In addition</b> , I'm doing some cleaning.
addition/enumeration	moreover	I don't feel comfortable with you staying out until 2 am. <b>Moreover</b> , you've been out three nights already this week!
fuzzy signals	almost	What day was the party again? I'm <b>almost</b> sure it was Saturday.
fuzzy signals	maybe	I don't have a surefire solution. <b>Maybe</b> you could try going on holiday?
fuzzy signals	probably	I'm not quite sure how many people are going to show up. It's <b>probably</b> going to be quite crowded, though.
fuzzy signals	seems like	How did you manage to do this in such a short period of time? It <b>seems like</b> you had quite a bit of inspiration.
time	after that	I'll start by telling you what transition words are. <b>After that</b> , I'll tell you why you should always use them.

time	all of a sudden	Things seemed to be going so well. <b>All of a sudden</b> , though, they told us they were going to break up.
time	as long as	I won't put up with this anymore. <b>As long as</b> you're part of this team, I'm out.
time	before	When I moved out, I realized how much my parents did for me. I didn't even think about stuff like that <b>before</b> .
time	during	His collapse was unprecedented. <b>During</b> the first part of the race, he seemed like the absolute favorite to win!
time	meanwhile	Harry was practicing his skills. <b>Meanwhile</b> , Carrie was out looking for trouble.
time	subsequently	First we tried to play nice. <b>Subsequently</b> , we concluded that a more direct approach was the way to go.
similarity	in the same vein	I always try to be respectful. <b>In the same vein</b> , she very humbly asked the professor to repeat what he'd said because she didn't quite catch it.
similarity	likewise	John is always hell-bent on doing what's right. <b>Likewise</b> , Mary tries to live her life as best she can.
similarity	similarly	She tried really hard to entertain her guests. <b>Similarly</b> , he put all his heart and soul in cooking a great dinner.
summarize/conclude	all things considered / all in all / as shown above / as can be seen / as has been noted	She's been very driven, and she's inspired others to work hard as well. <b>All things considered</b> , I think she's lead the project very well.
summarize/conclude	in conclusion / in summary	<b>In conclusion</b> , transition words are an important aspect of SEO copywriting.
summarize/conclude	in short / in brief	He's handsome, courteous and he dresses very well. <b>In short</b> , he's Prince charming!
summarize/conclude	ultimately	It was pretty fun to do, but a lot of work as well. <b>Ultimately</b> , I'm pretty happy this thing is over with.