

Transition Words and Phrases

Size Transitions:

The largest	Larger than	The smallest	The small-sized	The tallest
The next largest	Equal to	The next smallest	The medium-sized	The shortest
The smallest	Smaller than	The largest	The large-sized	

Time Transitions:

First,	Now	At the beginning of	Thereafter,	By this time,	Before
Then,	Soon	In the middle of	Presently,	At the same time,	In the meantime
Next,	Then	At the end of	After a short time,	At that instant,	Meanwhile
At last,	Later		Soon thereafter,	Immediately,	During
				Simultaneously,	After
					Afterwards

First,	In the morning,	Yesterday,	The first
Second,	Before noon,	Today,	A more recent
Third,	In the afternoon,	Tomorrow,	The most recent
Finally,	In the evening,	The day after tomorrow,	
In the past,	The next day,	This year,	The earliest
In the present,	Two weeks later,	Next year,	The next earliest
In the future,	Six months later,	In the next few years,	The most recent

Space Transitions:

behind	on the edge of	beside	in front of	west of	high
over	toward	around	facing	east of	against
under	throughout	near	in back of	north of	alongside
below	to the right of	side by side	in the center	south of	ahead of
beneath	to the left of	close to	inside	at the	here
low down	on top of	next to	outside	in	there
on the bottom	at the top	down	at the end of	on	beyond
on the corner	by	up	between	above	farther on

Importance Transitions:

The best	The most important	The first	The best
The next best	Equally important	More important than	The next best
The least best	The next important	More important	The worst
	The least important		

Chain-Link Transitions:

On the one hand,	One example of,	In the first place,	In other words,	The first
On the other hand,	For instance,	In the second place,	In fact,	The second
	Another example	In the third place,	Additionally,	The third
Again,	A further example			
Besides,	For example,	One	Because	First,
Moreover,	For instance,	Another	Since	Second,
	Still another	A further	As	Third,
	In addition,	Further,	Still,	Specifically,
	In the same way,	Furthermore,	While	More specifically
	In fact,		Instead	In particular,
The opposite of __ is __	Lastly,	The last	Indeed,	As a result,
On the contrary side	Similar to __ is __	Last	Although	Consequently,
To the contrary,	Similarly,	Nevertheless,	Even though	Naturally,
In contrast,	Likewise,	Nonetheless,	Even if	After all,
In spite of				
Despite the				

Concluding Transitions:

To conclude,	In sum,	To sum up,	As you can see,
In conclusion,	In brief,	To summarize,	As a result,
In summary,	In short,	Thus,	Finally,
		Therefore,	

Commonly Used Transition Words and Phrases for Expository Essays

<p>Beginning (beginning of the second paragraph)</p>	<p>First, My first reason To illustrate my point, In fact,</p>	<p>To begin with, For one thing, You see, Obviously,</p>
<p>Middle (the beginning of the third paragraph)</p>	<p>Next, Secondly, My second reason Additionally, Along with Likewise, In the same manner,</p>	<p>Obviously, Second, Once again, In addition, Again Moreover, Similarly,</p>
<p>End (the beginning of the fourth paragraph)</p>	<p>Next, Finally, My final reason</p>	<p>Lastly, My last reason Once again,</p>
<p>Conclusion (the final paragraph)</p>	<p>In conclusion, Therefore, To summarize, Consequently, To sum up my thoughts,</p>	<p>Thus, As a result, Finally, By this time Now that</p>