

## Sentence Starters, Transition Words, and Other Useful Words

### To add ideas

Also, ...	Equally important ...	Subsequently, ...
Furthermore, ...	Moreover, ...	As well as ...
Next ...	Another essential point ...	Additionally, ...
More importantly, ...	In the same way ...	Another ...
Then, ...	In addition, ...	Besides ...
Then again, ...	Firstly, ... secondly, ... finally, ...	To elaborate, ...

### To introduce

This essay discusses ...	... is explored ...	... is defined ...
The definition of ... will be given	... is briefly outlined ...	... is explored ...
The issue focused on...	... is demonstrated ....	... is included ...
In this essay ...	... is explained ...	... are identified ...
The key aspect discussed ...	... are presented ...	... is justified ...
Views on ... range from ...	... is evaluated ...	... is examined ...
The central theme ...	... is described ...	... is analyzed ...
Emphasized are ...	... is illustrated by ...	

### To conclude

In summary, ...	To review, ...	In conclusion, ...
In brief, ...	To summarize, ...	To sum up, ...
To conclude, ...	Thus, ...	Hence, ...
It has been shown that ...	In short, ...	

### To compare and contrast

Similarly, ...	In the same way ...	Likewise, ...
In comparison ...	Complementary to this ...	Then again, ...
However, ...	This is in contrast to ...	In contrast, ...
And yet ...	Nevertheless, ...	Conversely, ...
On the contrary, ...	On the other hand, ...	Notwithstanding ...
Whereas ...	In contrast to ...	That aside, ...
While this is the case ...	... disputes ...	Despite this, ...

### To present uncommon or rare ideas

Seldom ...	Few ...	Not many ...
A few ...	... is uncommon ...	... is scarce ...
Rarely ...	... is rare ...	Is unusual ...

### To present common or widespread ideas

Numerous ...	Many ...	More than ...
Several ...	Almost all ...	The majority ...
Most ...	Commonly ...	Significant ...
... is prevalent ...	... is usual ...	Usually ...

### To present inconclusive ideas

Perhaps ...	... may be ...	... might be ...
There is limited evidence for ...	... is debated ...	... is possibly ...
... could ...	... may include ...	

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### To give examples

For example, ...	... as can be seen in ...	... supports ...
An illustration of ...	... as demonstrated by ...	... is observed ...
Specifically, ...	... is shown ...	... exemplifies ...
Such as ...	As an example, ...	To illustrate, ...
For instance, ...		

### To show relationship or outcome

Therefore ...	As a result, ...	For that reason, ...
Hence, ...	Otherwise, ...	Consequently, ...
The evidence suggest/shows ...	It can be seen that ...	With regard to ...
After examining ...	These factors contribute to ...	It is apparent that ...
Considering ... it can be concluded that ...	Subsequently, ...	The effect is ...
The outcome is ...	The result ...	The correlation ...
The relationship ...	The link ...	The convergence ...
The connection ...	... interacts with ...	Both ...
... affects ...	Thus, it is ...	... causes ...
... influences ...	... predicts ...	... leads to ...
... informs ...	... presupposes that ...	... emphasizes
... demonstrates ...	... impacts on ...	... supports ...

### To present prior or background ideas

In the past, ...	Historically, ...	Traditionally, ...
Customarily, ...	Beforehand, ...	Originally, ...
Prior to this, ...	Earlier, ...	Formerly, ...
Previously, ...	Over time, ...	At the time of ...
Conventionally, ...	Foundational to this is ...	In earlier ...
Initially, ...	At first, ...	Recently ...
Until now, ...	The traditional interpretation ...	

### To present others' ideas

According to...	Based on the findings of ... it can be argued ...	... proposed that ...
As explained by ...	... states that ...	... claims that ...
However, ... stated that ...	... suggested ...	... concluded that ...
Similarly, ... stated that ...	... for example, ...	... agreed that ...
Based on the ideas that ...	... defined ... as ...	... relates ...
As identified by ...	... disputed that ...	... contrasts ...
With regards to ... argued that ...	... concluded that ...	... confirmed that ...
... argues ...	... highlights ...	... demonstrates ...
... found that ...	... identifies ...	... wrote that ...
... demonstrated ...	... also ...	... reported ...
... pointed out that ...	... maintained that ...	... hypothesized that ...
... expressed the opinion that ...	... also mentioned ...	... asserts that ...
... identified ...	... goes on to state/suggest/say ...	... emphasizes ...
... challenges that idea ...	... showed that ...	... explored the idea ...