

Transition Words and Phrases

Words to “Connect the Parts” from *They Say, I Say*

Addition

(when you are saying this example builds upon a previous one)

- also
- and
- besides
- furthermore
- in addition
- indeed
- in fact
- moreover
- so too

Example

(when one specific instance is used to explain a larger concept)

- after all
- as an illustration
- for example
- for instance
- specifically

Elaboration

(when you are explaining something further)

- actually

- by extension
- in short
- in other words
- to put it another way
- to put it bluntly
- to put it succinctly
- ultimately

Cause And Effect

(when one thing leads to another)

- accordingly
- as a result
- consequently
- hence
- since
- so
- then
- therefore
- thus

Comparison

(when you are suggesting two ideas are alike)

- along the same lines
- in the same way
- likewise
- similarly
- comparatively
- correspondingly

Contrast

(to suggest two things are different)

- although
- but

- by contrast
- conversely
- despite
- even though
- however
- in contrast
- nevertheless
- nonetheless
- on the contrary
- on the other hand
- regardless
- whereas
- while yet

Concession

(when you are yielding an argument or idea to another position)

- admittedly
- although
- it is true
- granted
- naturally
- of course
- to be sure

Conclusion

(when you are wrapping up or closing an argument or section)

- as a result
- consequently
- hence
- in conclusion
- in short
- in summary
- to sum up
- to summarize

Source

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