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
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