A transitional expression is a transitional phrase or a conjunctive adverb that
- Helps your reader understand how you have organized your material
- Makes it easier for readers to move from one point to the next in your writing by showing logical connections

Use transitional expressions to
a) Add, emphasize, or illustrate ideas
b) Compare/contrast ideas
c) Show cause and effect
d) Place ideas in time
e) Summarize ideas

- A transitional expression is followed by a comma.
- Remember to use a semicolon between independent clauses linked with a transitional expression: I learned all the rules and regulations; however, I never really learned to control the ball.

Transitional Phrases:

Above all
After all
As a matter of fact
As a result
At any rate
At the same time
Even so
Equally as important
For example
For instance

In addition
In comparison/contrast
In conclusion
In fact
In other words
In the first place
On the contrary
On the other hand
To illustrate
Conjunctive Adverbs

Accordingly  Likewise
Also  Meanwhile
Although  Moreover
Anyway  Nevertheless
Besides  Next
Certainly  Nonetheless
Consequently  Otherwise
Conversely  Similarly
Finally  Specifically
Furthermore  Still
Hence  Subsequently
However  Then
Incidentally  Therefore
Indeed  Thus
Instead

Works Consulted: