



**Writing and Study Skills Services – Laurier Brantford
Transitional Expressions**

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	In addition
After all	In comparison/contrast
As a matter of fact	In conclusion
As a result	In fact
At any rate	In other words
At the same time	In the first place
Even so	On the contrary
Equally as important	On the other hand
For example	To illustrate
For instance	

Conjunctive Adverbs

Accordingly
Also
Although
Anyway
Besides
Certainly
Consequently
Conversely
Finally
Furthermore
Hence
However
Incidentally
Indeed
Instead

Likewise
Meanwhile
Moreover
Nevertheless
Next
Nonetheless
Otherwise
Similarly
Specifically
Still
Subsequently
Then
Therefore
Thus

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