

Transitions and Uses

Trans	sition Word o	or Phrase	Use when	
1. and		furthermore	you are adding something.	
and, no	or	indeed		
also		in fact		
moreov	ver	first, second, etc.		
2. for inst	ance	similarly	you are illustrating or	
for exa	1		expanding your point.	
for one	e thing			
3. therefo	re	finally	you are adding up:	
thus		on the whole	summarizing minor points	
conseq	•	all in all	to emphasize a major point.	
so, and	so	in other works		
4. frequer	ntly	specifically	you are adding a qualifying	
occasio	onally	especially	point or illustration.	
in parti		usually		
in gene	eral			
5. of cour	se	to be sure	you are conceding a point	
no dou		granted (that)	to the opposition or recognizing	
doubtle	ess	certainly	a point off your main line.	
6. but		not at all	you are reversing/deflecting	
howev	er	surely	the line of thought, usually	
yet		no	back to your own side.	
on the	contrary			
7. still			you return the thought to	
neverth	neless		your own side after a concession.	
notwith	nstanding			
8. althoug			you are attaching a concession	
though			to one of your own points. Do	
			not use "while" for whereas."	
			("While" means, basically, durin	
			the time that and is restricted to time.)	
9. because since, f			you are connecting a reason to an assertion.	
10. if	d	unless	you are qualifying and	
provide in case	u -	lest when	restricting a more general idea.	
in case		WIICH		