

Transition Words and Phrases:

Signposts to Aid Your Reader, or Lubricant for Your Textual Engine

PLACEMENT: For *emphasis*, put transition words at the start of a sentence, especially words that are negative or indicate disagreement, e.g., “Never has this been done” from “This has never been done.” *f. = formal

Order: <i>then, next</i>	Reason: <i>because</i>	Examples: <i>for example (e.g. *)</i>
<p>first, second, third (<i>sequence</i>) small, medium, large (<i>size</i>) beginner, intermediate, advanced (<i>level</i>) most to least important (<i>importance</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Time</p> <p>past, present, future yesterday, today, tomorrow earlier, now, later previously, currently, eventually</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Place</p> <p>here, there, over there my side, your side, their side left to right / front to back / top to bottom</p> <p>after that / following that / subsequently in no particular order / randomly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRACTICE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you do after you wake up in the morning? (<i>sequence</i>) 2. Describe your kitchen. (<i>place</i>) 	<p>Involving the past up to now since (f.* <i>inasmuch as</i>) now that because of that / due to for that reason / as a result / consequently</p> <p>Involving the future in order to / in order that / so that</p> <p>From this point on so / therefore / thus hence / henceforth otherwise (<i>alternative</i>)</p> <p>General information as a rule as a rule of thumb (<i>a guideline</i>) for your information (<i>FYI</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRACTICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Why were you late?</p>	<p>for instance in this example in the following example(s) consider the following example(s)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emphasis</p> <p>especially in particular / particularly specifically</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Restatement</p> <p>that is (<i>i.e.**</i>) in other words this means</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>*from Latin "exempli gratia" **from Latin "id est"</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRACTICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What do you like about the city where you live?</p>
Adding Information: <i>and</i>	Frequency: <i>often</i>	Conclusion: <i>finally</i>
<p>also in addition / additionally / moreover further / furthermore / besides including / as well as / plus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or (<i>alternative</i>)</p> <p>meanwhile / at the same time</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRACTICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Why is studying another language a good idea?</p>	<p>always (<i>100% of the time</i>)</p> <p>usually, normally, basically, for the most part (<i>80-95%</i>)</p> <p>often, frequently (<i>50-75%</i>)</p> <p>sometimes, occasionally, there will be times (<i>20-40%</i>)</p> <p>rarely, infrequently, seldom, hardly ever, almost never (<i>5-10%</i>)</p> <p>never (<i>0%</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRACTICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What do you do every week?</p>	<p>in the end / lastly / ultimately eventually in conclusion / to conclude</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summary</p> <p>in short / in brief for the sake of simplicity in summary / to summarize</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Perspective</p> <p>overall / all things considered</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRACTICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What did you do yesterday?</p>

Agreement: <i>of course</i>	↔ ↔	Contrast, Disagreement: <i>but</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">fortunately indeed / absolutely typically / ordinarily / in general naturally / truly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">With Support likewise / similarly / in the same way or manner comparable to</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRACTICE (for both)</i> 1. Compare two different cultures. 2. Is running good exercise?</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">however / neither...nor unfortunately in theory but not in practice / ideally but actually while on the contrary / when in fact that (<i>f.* whereas</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">With Acknowledgment although / even though / though despite / in spite of the fact that / regardless of / notwithstanding yet / nevertheless / nonetheless</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposing an Alternative on the other hand instead of otherwise / alternatively / conversely</p>
Conditions: <i>depending on</i>		
<p style="text-align: center;">in the event of / in the event that in this case / in case only if / unless/ provided that at this stage or level or step / when appropriate</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRACTICE (for both)</i> 1. When is it okay to miss school or work? 2. Can you think of a situation where no excuses would be accepted?</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">No Excuses under no circumstances whatever the circumstances whatever the reasons whichever is used whether or not even if</p>
"If"-clauses: if possible		
<p>if necessary • if so • if this does not work</p>		
<p>1) Indicative mood (facts): If (<i>when/whenever</i>) it is possible, or even if it is <u>not</u> possible, I can/may/will <u>do</u> it.</p> <p>2) Indicative mood (hypothetical): If it <u>was</u> possible (<i>unlikely, but possible</i>), I could/might/would <u>do</u> it. If I <u>had</u> time (possibility), I could <u>do</u> it. I <u>wonder</u> if I <u>have</u> time to do it.</p> <p>3) Subjunctive mood (fantasy): If it <u>were</u> possible (<i>but it is impossible or contrary to fact/reality</i>), I could/might/would <u>do</u> it. If I <u>were</u> you, I would <u>do</u> it. If I <u>had</u> time (but I don't), I could <u>do</u> it. I <u>wish</u> I <u>had</u> time to do it.</p> <p>4) Past contrary-to-fact situation: If it <u>had been</u> possible (<i>was not possible under the circumstances</i>), I could/might/would <u>have done</u> it. If I <u>had had</u> time, I could <u>have done</u> it.</p> <p>5) Mixed: If I <u>had woken</u> up earlier (<i>past contrary-to-fact</i>), I could/might/would <u>do</u> it right now.</p> <p><i>PRACTICE: If you were rich, what would you do?</i></p>		