

Young Author's List of Transitions

Be sure you understand the meanings of these transitional words and phrases before you use them. Most of the time they require a comma after them.

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| After | I'll be the first to admit | The following example |
| After a few days | If you look at it that way | The next step |
| After awhile | In a little while | Then |
| After all | In addition | There is no doubt that |
| After that | In any case | Third |
| After that step | In any event | This takes us to |
| Afterward | In closing | Though |
| All in all | In conclusion | To begin |
| Also | In fact | To begin with |
| Although | In other words | To illustrate my point |
| Although it is true | In particular | To illustrate this |
| Another example | In the beginning | To put it differently |
| As a general rule | In the first place | To start off |
| As a result | In the same way | To sum up my thoughts |
| As I have said | Incidentally | Until |
| As soon as | Last | Usually |
| As we have seen | Later | What happened next |
| At first | Later on | When |
| At last | Let me explain. | When all is said and done |
| At that time | Let's look at it a different way | When you look at it |
| At the same time | Likewise | that way |
| At this point | Looking back | Without warning |
| Because | Meanwhile | You see |
| Because of this | Moving right along | |
| Before | Naturally | |
| Besides | Nevertheless | |
| Beyond | Next | |
| By the same token | Now | |
| By the way | Obviously | |
| By this time | Of course | |
| Consequently | On the other hand | |
| Finally | Once again | |
| First | Once that is done | |
| First of all | Perhaps | |
| For an instant | Put another way | |
| For example | Second | |
| For instance | Simply stated | |
| For now | Since | |
| For one thing | So then | |
| For the time being | Sometimes | |
| From now on | Soon | |
| Furthermore | Specifically | |
| Gradually | Suddenly | |
| However | The first step | |

ORDINALS

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When you write out directions and list the steps to take, Make sure you get your **ordinals** right, Don't make a big mistake. For they are **first** and **second**, **third** and **fourth**, you see. Don't add an "-ly" to the end: It is NOT *secondly*. *Thirdly* makes me shudder, *Fourthly* makes me scoff, So write them **second**, **third** and **fourth**, And leave the "-ly" off.

Linking Words Reference Sheet

| | | | |
|----|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | First | Second | Third |
| 2 | First | Then | Finally |
| 3 | First | Next | Last |
| 4 | First | Next | Finally |
| 5 | First | In addition | Finally |
| 6 | First | Second | Third |
| 7 | At first | Then | After |
| 8 | First of all | Secondly | Finally |
| 9 | In the first place | After that | Later on |
| 10 | In the first place | After that | In addition |
| 11 | First of all | Equally important | Finally |
| 12 | First of all | Besides | In addition |
| 13 | To begin | Next | Finally |
| 14 | To begin with | Also | In the end |
| 15 | To begin | Then | Finally |
| 16 | One | Another | Last |
| 17 | One | Another | Finally |
| 18 | One reason | Also | Last |
| 19 | One reason | Second | Third |
| 20 | One reason | Another reason | In summary |
| 21 | One reason is that | Another reason is that | Finally |
| 22 | One important | Another important | The most important |
| 23 | One important | Another important | Last |
| 24 | One example | Another example | Finally |