Transition Phrases

Transition Phrases help connect ideas and examples in writing. The use of transition phrases will allow your writing to flow and improve written organization and clarity.

A great place for transition phrases are within your body paragraphs, connecting your examples. They can be inserted after your **topic sentence**, and at the beginning of your example sentences. *However, transition phrases can be used in many other places in your paper.*

*Dogs and people have lived side by side for generations and have developed an uncommon bond. **First**, there are about 80 million dogs in American homes today. That's almost forty percent of all households! **Additionally**, dogs have lived with people for so long they can even catch our diseases. **In fact**, dogs can smell when people are sick, and **furthermore**, a recent study showed that most people today think of their dogs as part of the family. **On the whole**, dogs and people have evolved together over thousands of years,*

LOGICAL RELATIONSHIP	Transition Phrase
Similarity	also, in the same way, just as … so too, likewise, similarly
Exception/Contrast	but, however, in spite of, on the one hand … on the other hand, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, in contrast, on the contrary, still, yet
Sequence/Order	first, second, third, … next, then, finally
Time	after, afterward, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, later, meanwhile, now, recently, simultaneously, subsequently, then
Example	for example, for instance, namely, specifically, to illustrate
Emphasis	even, indeed, in fact, of course, truly
Place/Position	above, adjacent, below, beyond, here, in front, in back, nearby, there
Cause and Effect	accordingly, consequently, hence, so, therefore, thus
Additional Support or Evidence	additionally, again, also, and, as well, besides, equally important, further, furthermore, in addition, moreover, then
Conclusion/Summary	finally, in a word, in brief, briefly, in conclusion, in the end, in the final analysis, on the whole, thus, to conclude, to summarize, in sum, to sum up, in summary