Transitional Words and Phrases

Use the following expressions to help create connections between the ideas in your writing. When you are using these terms, be aware that they do not establish connections on their own. They mostly help describe the relationships you are creating in your writing. Also, keep in mind that each of these expressions has a slightly different meaning.

Addition	Contrast	Comparison	Details
also	conversely	comparatively	specifically
again	instead (of)	coupled with	especially
as well as	on the one hand	correspondingly	in particular
besides	on the other hand	identically	to explain
coupled with	on the contrary	likewise	to list
furthermore	rather	similar	to enumerate
in addition	yet	similarly	in detail
likewise	but	moreover	namely
moreover	however	analogous to	including
similarly	whereas	in the same way	
and	in contrast	together with	Consequence
	nevertheless	compared to	accordingly
Emphasis			as a result
above all	Process/Time	Summarizing	for this reason
chiefly	first second	after all	for this purpose
especially	third	all in all	consequently
particularly	at first	all things	due to (the fact that)
in essence	first of all	considered	because
in other words	to begin (with)	briefly	so then
indeed	in the first place	by and large	subsequently
that is (to say)	next	in any case	therefore
in short	then	in brief	thus
in brief	after (that)	in conclusion	
	finally	on the whole	Concession
Exemplifying	ultimately	in short	although
for instance	at the same time	in summary	at any rate
for example	meanwhile	in sum	though
as an illustration	in the meantime	to summarize	even though
as an example	later	finally	granted (that)
to illustrate	while	ultimately	while it may be true
to demonstrate	afterward		in spite of
such as			regardless

