

WRITING WORKSHOP: Transition Words

RESULT	CONTRAST	ADDITION	EMPHASIS
_____; therefore, _____ _____; thus, _____ _____; consequently, _____ _____; as a result, _____ _____; hence, _____	_____; however, _____ _____; in contrast, _____ _____; on the other hand, _____ _____; instead, _____ _____; rather, _____	_____; in addition, _____ _____; furthermore, _____ _____; moreover, _____ _____; besides, _____ _____; additionally, _____	_____; in fact, _____ _____; as a matter of fact, _____ _____; indeed, _____
EXAMPLE: Billy was caught smoking on school property; as a result, he was suspended.	EXAMPLE: Andrea was advised to join the volleyball team; instead, she chose basketball.	EXAMPLE: Carlos failed all of his assignments; in addition, he failed his final exam.	EXAMPLE: Caroline was a good student; in fact, she obtained honour roll standing each year.
CONCESSION (unexpected result)	TIME	SIMILARITY	NEGATIVE CONDITION
_____; however, _____ _____; nevertheless, _____ _____; nonetheless, _____ _____; still, _____ Although, _____	_____ - First, _____ Second, Afterward, After that, Later, Next, Then,	_____; similarly, _____ _____; likewise, _____	_____; otherwise, _____ If _____
EXAMPLE: Tracy often skipped class; however, she was able to maintain strong grades.	EXAMPLE: After that, Gianpaul went on to be a college graduate.	EXAMPLE: Amrita and Nancy loved dogs; similarly, they both owned golden retrievers.	EXAMPLE: Steve was told to obey his teachers; otherwise, he would be suspended.
NEGATIVE EMPHASIS	MAIN IDEA	EXAMPLE	CONCLUSION
_____; on the contrary, _____	On the whole, _____ In general, _____ Generally, _____ Generally speaking, _____	For example, _____ For instance, _____ To illustrate, _____	In conclusion, _____ To conclude, _____ In summary, _____ To summarize, _____ As we have seen, _____ In short, _____ Finally, _____
EXAMPLE: Lisa was a great hockey player; on the contrary, her sister could not skate.	EXAMPLE: On the whole, cafeteria food is quite tasty.	EXAMPLE: Leticia was a generous person. For example, she volunteered on her Saturday afternoons.	EXAMPLE: As we have seen, it is important to respect your classmates.