Transitional Words & Phrases

More or Less:

additionally, also, again, as well as, besides, coupled with, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly

To show consequence:

accordingly, as a result, consequently, for this reason, for this purpose, hence, otherwise, so then, subsequently, therefore, thus

To contrast and compare:

but, by the same token, conversely, comparatively, correspondingly, couple with, however, identically, in contrast, in comparison, instead, moreover, nevertheless, likewise, on one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather, similarly, still, together with, yet

To emphasize and exemplify:

above all, chiefly, especially, for instance, including, in particular, markedly, namely, particularly, singularly, specifically, such as

To show exception:

aside from, barring, beside, except, excluding, exclusive of, other than, save

To show a sequence:

afterward, at first, at the same time, earlier, first of all, for the time being, in the first place, in time, in turn, in conclusion, later, later on, meanwhile, next simultaneously, soon, then, while, with this in mind

To summarize & restate:

after all, all in all, all things considered, briefly, by and large, finally, in any case, in any event, in brief, in conclusion, in short, in summary, in the final analysis, on the whole, to summarize

Miscellaneous:

(directional) above, beyond, by the way, here, in the distance, nearly, over there, opposite, there, to the left, to the right, under

(illustration) as an example, as an illustration, for example, for instance, for one thing, in this case

To clarify:

after all, as can be expected, clearly, generally, markedly, namely, naturally, obviously, of course, specifically, surely, usually

To show relationship:

as for, by the same token, comparatively, correspondingly, coupled with, equally, identically, in comparison, in the same way, moreover, likewise, similarly, still, together with, with regard to, with reference to

Counterpoints:

alternatively, another possibility, aside from, barring, beside, but, conversely, except, excluding, exclusive of, even though, hence, however, in contrast, instead, nevertheless, other than, on one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather, save, still, yet

To Link:

also, and, as an example, as an illustration, as far as, furthermore, for example, for instance, in addition, in contrast, in the same way, moreover, next, not only …but also, now, similarly, so, to, thus, turning to

To convey a sequence & shift in time/setting:

afterward, at first, at the same time, earlier, finally, first of all, for the time being, in the first place, in time, in turn, in conclusion, later, later on, meanwhile, next, simultaneously, soon, then, to begin, to conclude, while, with this in mind, above, beyond, by the way, here, in the distance, nearly, over there, opposite, there, to the left, to the right, under

To build suspense (Narratives):

all of a sudden, abruptly, at once, before I knew it, just then, in a flash, instantly, little by little, out of the blue, shockingly, suddenly, unexpectedly, quickly, slowly, without warning