Transitions

Coherence in writing means that the ideas flow from one to the next without awkward breaks or gaps in logical organization. In a coherent paragraph, the sentences are connected logically.

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| **Order of****Importance** | **Chronological****Order** | **Comparison**  | **Contrast** |
| FirstSecondThirdNextOneAnotherFinallyAlsoMost | GreatestLeastEven greaterFor one reasonMoreoverMost importantLastMainlyPrimarily | First NextThenLaterSoonNowAfterBeforeDuringAfterwards | FinallyMoments laterIn the meantimeAt the momentFormerlyAt lastMeanwhileWhenUntil | LikeBesidesBothWhereasSimilarlyLikewiseIn additionSimilar toJust asAlsoIn the same wayIn like manner | HoweverOn the contraryIn contrastOn the other handEven soUnlikeConverselyNevertheless |
| **Developmental Order** | **Cause and Effect** | **Spatial****Order** | **Introduce Examples or Explanations** |
| AlsoFurthermoreFor exampleFor instanceNamely MoreoverIn additionOther | As a resultConsequentlyThusThereforeAlong withNextIn fact | As a resultBecauseConsequentlyFor that reasonThereforeThenThus | Outside Inside Here NearBehindCloserAroundBeyondTo the leftAhead | OverheadBeneathAbove BelowIn the distanceUnderneathNext toAround the corner | For exampleAs an illustrationIn particularNamelyFor instanceAlsoThat isSuch asTo illustrate |

Transitions helpful in Introducing Textual Evidence and Concrete Details
MEMORIZE 3-5 of these phrases, and USE THEM throughout your essay or paper.

According to the author…

According to the text…

For example, Doe expands on… (In this case, “Doe” is the author’s last name.)…

According to the author…

For instance, in the excerpt…

In his article, Doe reiterates (or “states” or “expands on”)…

To emphasize Doe’s point...

The most compelling evidence...

Another key point in the article…

In particular…

With this in mind, Doe…

As shown above…

Corresponding with the text…