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** |
| First  Second  Third  Next  One  Another  Finally  Also  Most | Greatest  Least  Even greater  For one reason  Moreover  Most important  Last  Mainly  Primarily | First  Next  Then  Later  Soon  Now  After  Before  During  Afterwards | Finally  Moments later  In the meantime  At the moment  Formerly  At last  Meanwhile  When  Until | Like  Besides  Both  Whereas  Similarly  Likewise  In addition  Similar to  Just as  Also  In the same way  In like manner | | However  On the contrary  In contrast  On the other hand  Even so  Unlike  Conversely  Nevertheless |
| **Developmental Order** | | **Cause and Effect** | | **Spatial**  **Order** | | **Introduce Examples or Explanations** |
| Also  Furthermore  For example  For instance  Namely  Moreover  In addition  Other | As a result  Consequently  Thus  Therefore  Along with  Next  In fact | As a result  Because  Consequently  For that reason  Therefore  Then  Thus | | Outside Inside  Here Near  Behind  Closer  Around  Beyond  To the left  Ahead | Overhead  Beneath  Above  Below  In the distance  Underneath  Next to  Around the corner | For example As an illustration In particular Namely  For instance  Also  That is  Such as  To 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…