



CHARTS OF CONNECTING WORDS AND TRANSITION SIGNALS

Transition Signals

Transition Signals and Conjunctive Adverbs	Coordinating Conjunctions and Paired Conjunctions	Subordinating Conjunctions	Others: Adjectives, Prepositions, Verbs
To list ideas in order of time			
first, ... first of all, ... second, ... third, ... next, ... then ... after that, ... meanwhile, ... in the meantime, ... finally, ... last, ... last of all, ... subsequently, ...		before after until when while as soon as since	the first (reason, cause, step, etc.) the second ... the third ... another ... the last ... the final ...

To list ideas in order of importance			
first, ... first of all, ... first and foremost, ... second, ... more important, ... most important, ... more significantly, ... most significantly, ... above all, ... most of all, ...			the first ... (reason, cause, step, etc.) an additional ... the second ... another ... a more important (reason, cause, step, etc.) the most important ... the most significant ... the best/the worst ...
To add a similar or equal idea			
also, ... besides, ... furthermore, ... in addition, ... moreover, ... too as well	and both ... and not only ... but also		another ... (reason, cause, step, etc.) a second ... an additional ... a final ... as well as
To add an opposite idea			
however, ... on the other hand, ... nevertheless, ... nonetheless, ... still, ...	but yet	although even though though	despite in spite of
To explain or restate an idea			
in other words, ... in particular, ... (more) specifically, ... that is, ...			
To make a stronger statement			
indeed, ... in fact, ...			
To give another possibility			
alternatively, ... on the other hand, ... otherwise, ...	or either ... or whether ... or		
To give an example			
for example, ... for instance, ...			such as an example of to exemplify
To express an opinion			
according to ... in my opinion, ... in my view, ...			to believe (that) to feel (that) to think (that)

To give a reason			
for this reason, ...	for	because	as a result of because of due to
To give a result			
accordingly, ... as a consequence, ... as a result, ... consequently, ... for these reasons, ... hence, ... therefore, ... thus, ...	so		the cause of the reason for to cause to result (in) to have an effect on to affect
To add a conclusion			
all in all, ... in brief, ... in short, ... to conclude, ... to summarize, ... in conclusion, ... in summary, ... for these reasons, ...			
To show similarities			
likewise, ... similarly, ... also	and both ... and not only ... but also neither ... nor		alike, like, just like as, just as as well as well as compared with or to in comparison with or to to be similar (to) too
To show differences			
however, ... in contrast, ... instead, ... on the contrary, ... on the other hand, ... rather, ...			instead of