Transition words and phrases work to connect ideas meaningfully. Because ideas can be related to one another in a variety of ways, writers should intentionally and carefully select the words and phrases that best fit the particular situation or purpose of their writing.

The following are some of the most commonly used transition words with brief descriptions and sentences using them in context.

**Although**

“Although” is used to contrast one idea with another in the same sentence. Generally, it is used in the first clause of the sentence to indicate “in spite of this,” and then the second clause of the sentence negates the first.

**Although** Grumpy Cat looks mean, she actually has a very sweet demeanor. 

**However**

“However” is also used to contrast ideas, but is not restricted to contrasting ideas in a single sentence. It often substitutes for “but.”

My favorite Internet Cat is Oskar the blind cat. **However**, my friends prefer Lil’ Bub.

**Then**

“Then” indicates either timing or cause/effect. It can be used by itself, or with “if.”

**Timing:** We can watch Nyan Cat, but **then** we have to work on our homework.

**Cause/Effect:** If the cat can finally has the cheezburger, then the internet will end.

**While**

“While” can describe two events occurring at the same time, or it can indicate contrasting ideas.

**Contrasting Ideas:** **While** Colonel Meow has a frightening appearance, he is enjoyable to watch.

**Also**

“Also” is a word known to mean “in addition.”

*Kevin watches cat videos every day before school. Also, he watches them when he gets home from soccer practice.*

**Therefore**

“Therefore” is used to summarize. It also signifies the importance or effect of an action or event.

**Cause/Effect:** After watching so many Grumpy Cat videos, I decided I wanted my own cat for Christmas. **Therefore**, I wrote it down on my list.

**Because**

“Because” indicates the reasoning for an action or event.

I like Grumpy Cat better than Snoopy the Cat **because** I think our shared surliness makes us kindred spirits.

**In fact**

“In fact” is a phrase that clarifies the truthfulness of a statement.

According to several internet polls, Cooper is one of the most famous internet felines. **In fact**, I think the lightweight digital camera he wears makes him more popular.

**After all**

“After all” is used to settle a contradiction of earlier trouble or complication.

I can’t imagine anyone disliking Nala. **After all**, who can detest a cat named after a character from The Lion King?

**For example**

“For example” is used to introduce a piece of information that supports an idea.

There are several reasons I think Lil Bub looks cuddlier than all the other internet cats. **For example**, her big eyes and angelic face make her the cutest feline.
## Comparison
- Again
- And
- Also
- As well (as)
- Comparably
- Corresponding
- Equally
- Furthermore
- In addition (to)
- In the same way
- Like
- Likewise
- Moreover
- Similarly
- Too

## Contrast
- After all
- Although
- At least
- But
- By contrast
- Conversely
- Even so
- Even though
- Granted
- However
- In contrast (to)
- In spite of
- Nevertheless
- Not Only
- On the contrary
- On the other hand
- Or
- Otherwise
- Still
- Unlike
- Whereas
- Yet

## Summary
- Consequently
- Finally
- In a word
- In brief
- In conclusion
- In fact
- In other words
- In short
- In summation
- On the whole
- That is
- Therefore
- Thus
- To conclude
- To sum up
- To summarize

## Sequence/Time
- After/Afterward
- All this time
- As soon as
- At last
- Not long after
- At the same time
- Before
- Currently
- During
- Earlier
- Eventually
- Finally
- First, Second, etc.
- Following
- Formerly
- Immediately
- In the first place
- In the future
- Last
- Later
- Lately
- Meanwhile
- Next
- Now
- Previously
- Shortly
- Simultaneously
- Since
- Soon
- Subsequently
- Temporarily
- Then
- Thereafter
- Until
- When
- While

## Cause/Effect
- Accordingly
- As a consequence
- As a result (of)
- Because
- Consequently
- Due to
- Resulting from
- Since
- So
- Then
- Therefore
- Thus

## Emphasis
- Additionally
- Assuredly
- Indeed
- Certainly
- It is true
- Clearly
- Moreover
- Equally
- Perhaps
- Especially
- Naturally
- Even more
- Obviously
- Evidently
- Of course
- Furthermore
- Similarly
- In addition (to)
- Surely
- In fact
- Truly
- To conclude
- Understandably

## Qualification/Concession
- Admittedly
- For the most part
- After all
- Granted
- Mainly
- In most cases
- Naturally
- Sometimes
- To be sure

## Place
- Above
- Adjacent to
- Below
- Beneath
- Beside
- Close by
- Far away
- Further back
- Here
- In the distance
- In the foreground
- Near at hand
- Nearby
- On the other side
- Opposite
- There
- To the right/left
- Under