TRANSITION DEVICES WITHIN AND BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS

Transitions are used to link one sentence to another within a paragraph. They make writing flow and guide your reader from idea to idea. Transitions are also used to link paragraphs in logical progression or organization.

You must use good judgment with connecting words. Sometimes students mark every word or idea with a connecting word or begin every sentence with a transition word. If you post unnecessary signs, your readers will ignore them, along with the necessary ones. If you post too few, they will not understand them.

Relationship	
To indicate a time order	whe
To indicate description	abov
To indicate similar ideas	simil
To contrast two ideas	how
To point up an example	for e
To point out a conclusion, res	ult thus
(cause-effect relationship)	as a

when, while, first, to begin (with), as, at the same time, above, across from, also, beyond, further similarly, and, in addition, another, also, then, again, fur however, in contrast, yet, on the other hand, on the confor example, for instance, to be specific, namely, that is thus, so, therefore, for this reason, consequently as a result, in other words, accordingly, because, hence