

TIP SHEET: When to Use Transitions

BODY PARAGRAPHS – Introducing first CLAIM		TO SHOW EMPHASIS THROUGHOUT ESSAY	
To begin with, First of all,	First, First and foremost,	Most importantly, In particular, Obviously, Keep in mind that Undoubtedly,	Especially, Moreover, Notably, Above all, Primarily,
BODY PARAGRAPHS – Introducing additional CLAIM		CONCLUDING YOUR ESSAY (in conclusion paragraph)	
Another In addition, Furthermore,	Also, Additionally,	As a result, Consequently, Clearly, Lastly, In closing,	Finally, Therefore, Thus, After all, In summary,
BODY PARAGRAPHS – Providing evidence for a CLAIM		CHANGE OF DIRECTION (to show differences/contrasts)	
For example, To illustrate, A case in point, In particular, As an illustration,	For instance, As an example, In fact, Specifically, Namely,	However, (or ; however,) Although, Even though, On the other hand, An opposing view is	but, yet, Instead, In contrast, On the contrary,
BODY PARAGRAPHS – Introducing last CLAIM		TO COMPARE OR SHOW SIMILARITIES	
Finally, As a final point,	Lastly,	In the same way, Both In comparison,	Similarly, Likewise,
BODY PARAGRAPHS – Closing a CLAIM		TIME AND SEQUENCE	
In short, Therefore, In other words,	So, Thus, Hence,	In addition, First, Then, Later, During, Initially, Previously, Currently, Ultimately, Presently,	Second, Next, Also, Before, At last, Eventually, Earlier, Meanwhile, As soon as,
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