Transitional Expressions

Transitional expressions serve as **bridges between sentences or parts of sentences.** Transitions help your essay and individual paragraphs read more smoothly and coherently. When transitions are abrupt, out of place, or missing, your writing will suffer. Refer to *A Writer’s Reference* pg. 274-275 for the grammatical rules to follow when incorporating transitional expressions in your writing.

**Conjunctive adverbs:**
- accordingly
- finally
- likewise
- similarly
- also
- furthermore
- meanwhile
- specifically
- anyway
- hence
- moreover
- still
- besides
- however
- nevertheless
- subsequently
- certainly
- incidentally
- next
- then
- consequently
- indeed
- nonetheless
- therefore
- conversely
- instead
- otherwise
- thus

**Transitional phrases:**
- after all
- even so
- in fact
- as a matter of fact
- for example
- in other words
- as a result
- for instance
- in the first place
- at any rate
- in addition
- on the contrary
- at the same time
- in conclusion
- on the other hand

**Examples:**

Zombies are slow moving, resurrected creatures in search of brains; however, they will die if you remove their head from their body.

Chuck Norris can kill ghosts with a sneeze; at the same time, he can make your nose bleed with his mind.*

Yo’ mom is a palindrome; conversely, yo’ momma is not.

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