

Transitions

A transition creates good flow in an essay!

Contrast	in contrast, however, alternatively, on the other hand, on the contrary, otherwise, nevertheless, nonetheless, instead, all the same
Result	therefore, consequently, thus, hence, as a result, as a consequence, in this way, for that reason
Emphasis	in fact, indeed, in effect, certainly, obviously, evidently, clearly, more importantly, more significantly, more specifically
Addition	also, in addition, furthermore, moreover, besides, likewise, similarly
Time or Sequence	now, nowadays, these days, at this point, today, previously, earlier, beforehand, then, later, next, afterwards, subsequently, meanwhile, simultaneously, at the same time, finally, at last, occasionally, first, second, third
Example	for example, for instance, to illustrate, to demonstrate
Summary or Conclusion	in conclusion, on the whole, in brief, overall, to summarize, therefore

Transitions may come at the beginning, in the middle or at the end of a sentence without changing the meaning of the sentence. **To illustrate:**

At the beginning of sentence

a) The chef lost an earring in the soup. **Consequently**, one of the customers choked.

In the middle of a sentence

b) The chef lost an earring in the soup. One of the customers, **consequently**, choked.

At the end of a sentence

c) The chef lost an earring in the soup. One of the customers choked, **consequently**.

**Notice that transitions are often isolated by commas.*

First, if the transition is at the beginning of the sentence, it needs a comma after it (but not before it, since it's the first word in the sentence).

Next, if the transition is in the middle, a comma is placed before and after the transition.

Finally, if the transition is at the end of the sentence, a comma is needed before it (but not after it, since it's the end of the sentence).