Transition Words for Constructed Responses

Transition words and phrases mark shifts within and between sentences and make writing flow.

**Illustrate:**

thus, for example, for instance, namely, to illustrate, in other words, in particular, specifically, such as

**Contrast:**

on the contrary, contrarily, notwithstanding, but, however, nevertheless, in spite of, in contrast, yet, on one hand, on the other hand, rather, or, nor, conversely, at the same time, while this may be true

**Addition:**

and, in addition to, furthermore, moreover, besides, than, too, also, both-and, another, equally important, first, second, etc., again, further, last finally, not only-but also, as well as, in the second place, next, likewise, similarly, in fact, as a result, consequently, in the same way, for example, for instance, however, thus, therefore, otherwise

**Time:**

after, afterward, before, then, once, next, last, at last, at length, first, second, etc., at first, formerly, rarely, usually, another, finally, soon, meanwhile, at the same time, for a minute, hour, day, etc., during the morning, day, week, etc., most important, later, ordinarily, to begin with, afterwards, generally, in order to, subsequently, previously, in the meantime, immediately, eventually, concurrently, simultaneously

**Concession:**

although, at any rate, at least, still, thought, even though, granted that, while it may be true, in spite of, of course

**Similarity or Comparison:**

similarly, likewise, in like fashion, in like manner

**Emphasis:**

above all, indeed, truly, of course, certainly, surely, in fact, really, in truth, again, besides, also, furthermore, in addition

**Details:**

specifically, especially, in particular, to explain, to list, to enumerate, in detail, namely, including

**Examples:**

for example, for instance, to illustrate, thus, in other words, as an illustration, in particular

**Consequence or Results:**

so that, with the result that, thus, consequently, hence, accordingly, for this reason, therefore, so, because, since, due to, as a result, in other words, then

**Summary:**

therefore, finally, consequently, thus, in short, in conclusion, in brief, as a result, accordingly

**Suggestion:**

for this purpose, to this end, with this in mind, with this purpose in mind, therefore