

Various Transitional Phrases

above all	despite	in any case
accordingly	due to	in brief
actually	equally important	in conclusion
additionally	equally (any adjective)	in due course
after all	especially	in effect
afterward(s)	even if	in fact
again	even more so	in general
alas	even now	in other words
all in all	even so	in particular
all things considered	even then	in reality
already	eventually	in short
also	evidently	in spite of
although	finally	in the beginning
anyhow	first(ly)	in the end
anyway	first off	in the first place
apparently	for another thing	in the long run
as a matter of fact	for better or for worse	in the meantime
as a result	for example	in the past
as far as I'm concerned	for instance	in the same way
as well	for now	in truth
at any rate	for one thing	incidentally
at first	for starters	indeed
at last	for the meantime	initially
at the end of the day	for the moment	instead
at the outset	for this reason	lastly
at the same time	formerly	like it or not
beforehand	fortunately	likewise
besides	furthermore	mainly
but of course	generally	meanwhile
by the same token	granted	more often than not
certainly	hence	moreover
clearly	hopefully	mostly
coincidentally	however	naturally
conversely	if not	nevertheless
consequently	in addition	next
definitely	in all honesty	no matter what

nonetheless
normally
noticeably
notwithstanding
obviously
of course
on the contrary
on the other hand
once
one time
ordinarily
originally
otherwise
overall
particularly
personally
plus
possibly
previously
principally
probably
rather
really
regardless
regularly
remarkably
sadly
second(ly)
seriously
similarly
simply put
since
so
so far
sooner or later
still
subsequently
such as

suddenly
surely
surprisingly
taken as a whole
then
then again
thereby
therefore
though
thus(ly)
thus far
truly
to an extent
to be sure
to begin with
to put it bluntly/simply
to summarize
typically
undoubtedly
unexpectedly
unfortunately
until
ultimately
unquestionably
unsurprisingly
usually
what's more
when all's said and done
whereas
whether you like it or not
while
whilst
without a doubt
without further ado
with this/that
yet

Notes:

Many of the additions here not found in my “Essential Transitional Phrases for Formal Writing” list are less formal or rather uncommon. Admittedly, some of the ones on here aren’t actually transitional phrases, but rather adverbs that can start sentences well. For example, “*Ordinarily*, I wouldn’t consider that a transitional phrase,” doesn’t start with a transitional phrase, but it can help introduce an idea. Still, this list can be helpful when you need an unusual transitional phrase or if you’re writing something with more personality than a stuffy essay.

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