**Transition Words and Phrases for Effective Writing**

Writing Across the Curriculum

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|  | **Time** | |  |
| After a while | Currently | Immediately | Recently |
| Afterwards | During | In the future | Soon |
| At last | Finally | Later | Suddenly |
| At present | First, (second, third, etc.) | Meanwhile | Then |
| Briefly | Gradually | Now | Finally |
| In the beginning | At the end | In addition to | Today |
| Tomorrow | Yesterday | That day | Over time |
| As soon as | Sometimes | As long as | Before |
| Earlier | Presently | Simultaneously | So far |
|  | **Place** | |  |
| Above | Beside | In front of | Outside |
| Across | Beyond | Inside | To the east (west, etc.) |
| Among | Between | In the middle | Toward |
| Behind | Farther | Nearby | Within |
| Below | Here | Next to |  |
|  | **Order of Importance** | |  |
| The most significant | The most important | The primary reason | Above all |
| Equally important | Furthermore | Indeed | A major factor |
| Especially | In fact | Moreover | A major reason |
| Finally | In particular | Of major concern | Another significant |
| One of the greatest | Another factor | Another example | Another argument |
| Initially | First, second, third… | Primarily |  |
|  | **Comparisons and Contrasts** | |  |
| The best thing | The worst thing | In contrast | In comparison |
| On the other hand | However | Unlike the | Similarly |
| Again | Also | In the same way | Likewise |
| Yet | On the contrary | Nevertheless | After all |
| At the same time | Otherwise | Though | Nonetheless |
|  | **Conclusions and Summations** | |  |
| In conclusion | In summary | Finally | In closing |
| All in all | As has been noted | In any event | In other words |
| As I have shown | Thus | Accordingly | As mentioned earlier |
|  | **Cause and Effect** | |  |
| As a result | Due to | Therefore | Leads to |
| Because | If…then… | Thus | Consequently |
| Accordingly | For this purpose | Then | To this end |