**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 |