

ENG 1101
TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND PHRASES:
BEGINNINGS, MIDDLES, AND ENDS

Transitional words and phrases are placed at key points in your work to lead your reader from point to point, from paragraph to paragraph, and from the beginning to the end of your writing. Practice reading them aloud so they sound natural

To introduce your thesis statement:

- A few ways to introduce your thesis include: In my opinion....., I believe....., I agree that....., I argue....., I will prove here.....,
- Do not use: My thesis is.....

To begin a body paragraph:

- To begin with (first argument); equally important (true, valid); in addition; next; furthermore; beyond that; what is more; finally (last argument); lastly(last paragraph)

To emphasize a point within a paragraph:

- In fact; more importantly; most important of all; most of all; the main/problem/issue is; without question; much more; also; moreover; above all; indeed;

To compare:

- Also; as well; both; in the same way; likewise; similarly

To introduce specific details within a paragraph:

- For example; as an example; for instance; a case in point; specifically; more specifically; such as; in fact; in particular

To summarize the main idea within a paragraph (concluding sentences)

- hence; therefore; thus; consequently; and so; for this reason;

To transition to your refutation of the opposing view (contrast):

- While it is true that; although this may be true; although; even though; despite this; on the other hand; however; be that as it may; nevertheless; yet

To summarize the ideas with a complete essay (concluding paragraphs)

In closing; in conclusion; in brief; in short; to sum up; all in all; on the whole