

Transitioning into Your Conclusion

after all	all things considered
all in all	as a final point
altogether	as can be seen
briefly	as has been noted
by and large	as shown above
eventually	for the most part
in a word	generally speaking
in brief	given these points
in fact	in any event
in essence	in conclusion
in short	in either/any case
ordinarily	in summary
on balance	in the final analysis
overall	in the long run
to sum up	on the whole
usually	specifically
	to summarize

What's in a Conclusion?

- ✓ Restate the thesis
- ✓ Make a connection: to self, the world, a big idea
- ✓ Avoid adding something new
- ✓ Demonstrate the importance of your ideas
- ✓ Propel/Motivate your reader to a new view of the subject
- ✓ Propose a solution
- ✓ Use a thought-provoking quote
- ✓ What do you want the readers to consider?
- ✓ End on a positive note, a call to action, or a challenge
- ✓ End with a question
- ✓ End with what you learned

Paragraph or Sentence Transitions

Sequence & importance – afterward, today, currently, eventually, in the future, finally, later, next, most important, subsequently, first, second, third, soon, when, sometimes.

Comparing ideas – similarly, likewise, in the same manner, in the same way.

Contrasting ideas – on the other hand, however, in contrast, nonetheless, nevertheless, yet, at the same time, conversely.

Providing an example – for example, in other words, for instance, specifically, to illustrate.

Conceding a point – obviously, of course, agreed, certainly, granted, to be sure.

Showing a result – consequently, as a result, therefore, thus, so, accordingly, thereby.

Showing location – in the background, in the foreground, nearby, there, between, adjacent, in the back, in the distance.

Adding information – in addition, also, and, moreover, then, too, finally, as well, besides, furthermore, equally important.

Build a Sentence

Cause & Effect – because, due to, as a result, since, for this reason, therefore, in order to, so that

Contrast – or, but, although, however, in contrast, nevertheless, on the other hand

Addition or Comparison – and, also, as well as, in addition, likewise, moreover, by the way

Giving Examples – for example, for instance, in particular, such as

Conjunctions

Simple Connectors – for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

Correlative – both ... and, either ... or, neither ... nor, not only ... but also, whether ... or

Subordinating – after, although, as, as if, as long as, as soon as, because, before, even though, if, in order that, since, so that, than, though, unless, until, when, whenever, where, while

Conjunctive – accordingly, again, also, besides, consequently, finally, furthermore, however, indeed, instead, moreover, nevertheless, otherwise, then, therefore, thus