Connectors/Transition Words

Using connectors or transitional words and phrases helps your essays to be organized and easily readable. They provide logical organization and understandability and improve the connections between thoughts. A coherent paper allows the reader to follow your writing from the first supporting point to the last.

Here are some commonly used connectors/transition words and phrases, grouped by category:

**To express addition:**
also, another, furthermore, in addition, moreover

**To express consequence:**
as a result, consequently, for this reason, subsequently, therefore, thus

**To exemplify or illustrate:**
for instance, for example, such as

**To restate:**
in other words, in short, in brief, to put it differently

**For contrast and comparison:**
in contrast, likewise, on the other hand, on the contrary, similarly, yet, but, however

**To express sequence or order:**
first of all, to begin with, in the first place, next, secondly, second, third, thirdly, finally, etc.

**To summarize or conclude:**
al in all, in conclusion, to sum up, to summarize, to conclude