

Transition Words

1. TIME

afterward, next, then	después, luego
after (doing something)	después de + infinitive
ago	hace + time period
already	ya
at first	al principio
at the moment, for now	en este momento, por ahora
at the same time	al mismo tiempo, a la [misma] vez
at times, sometimes	a veces
before	antes
before (doing something)	antes de + infinitive
coincidentally	por casualidad
immediately	en seguida
it turns out that	resulta que
• lastly	en fin
• little by little	poco a poco
meanwhile	mientras tanto
once	una vez + que
upon (doing something)	al + infinitive
suddenly	de pronto, de repente, de golpe
• then	entonces
to begin, in the first place	para empezar, en primer lugar
while	mientras

2. ADD AN IDEA

again	otra vez
again and again	una y otra vez
• also, too	también
as far as I know	que yo sepa
besides, even more	además, aún más
by the way, on purpose	a propósito
in the first place	en primer lugar
including	incluso
just in case	por si acaso
last(ly)	por último
maybe	quizás, tal vez
• on the other hand	por otro lado, de otra mano
similarly	de igual manera
this way	de esta manera

3. ILLUSTRATE OR EXPLAIN AN IDEA

• for example	por ejemplo
• in other words	es decir, o sea, en otras palabras
like, such as, since	como
mainly	principalmente
so [that]	así [que]

4. COMPARE/CONTRAST IDEAS

although	aunque
apart from this	aparte de esto
but	pero
despite, in spite of	a pesar de
even so	aún así
• however	sin embargo , en cambio
nevertheless	no obstante, a pesar de eso
no doubt	sin duda
not [x] but [y]	no [x], sino [y]
of course	por supuesto, claro
• otherwise	de otra manera , de lo contrario

5. TO SHOW A CAUSE OR RESULT

according to	según
anyway	do todos modos
as a consequence of	por culpa de
as a result	por causa de esto, como resultado
because	porque
due to	debido a
for this reason	por esta razón
given that	dado que
• in any case	de todos modos
since	como, ya que
randomly	al azar
therefore	por tanto, por eso
• thanks to	gracias a
unintentionally	sin querer

6. TO EMPHASIZE AN IDEA

above all	sobre todo, más que todo
almost	casi
equally	igualmente, in addition to that
especially	especialmente
exactly	exactamente, precisamente
• in fact	de hecho
mainly	principalmente, por la mayor parte

7. TO CONCLUDE OR SUMMARIZE

• after all, finally	en fin, después de todo
in other words	en otras palabras
overall, generally	sobretudo, en general
• that is to say	es decir, o sea
to summarize	para resumir, en resumen

QUIZ

1. I was, in fact, at home with my cat.
2. He has to pass the test, otherwise he's not going to pass the class.
3. He wanted the car. On the other hand, he needed to save money.
4. Mo and Luca knew, in the end, the police would capture them.
5. I hate Juanito. That is to say, no, I would never dance with him.
6. Thanks to the dog, the thieves would never return.
7. The room filled up with water little by little until there was no escape.
8. The food was terrible. For example, I found a hair in my salad.
9. We don't want to go but we will go, however.
10. No way! You guys have a pool, too?