



# STUDY GUIDE

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## WORDS AND PHRASES

### TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND PHRASES

Transitional words or phrases are used to show the relationship between paragraphs of text or speech. Transitions provide greater cohesion by making it more explicit how ideas relate to one another. For example:

- Adding ideas:** again, also, and, and then, as well as, besides, equally important, finally, first (second, third, etc.), further, furthermore, in addition, in the first place, last, likewise, more, moreover, next, nor, similarly.
- Emphasising ideas:** above all, after all, equally important, especially, indeed, in fact, in particular, it is true, most important, of course, truly.
- Illustrating ideas:** an illustration of, for example, for instance, in other words, in particular, namely, specifically, such as, that is, thus, to illustrate.
- Comparing ideas:** in the same way, likewise, similarly.
- Contrasting ideas:** and yet, but, but at the same time, conversely, despite, differently, even so, however, in contrast, in spite of, nevertheless, notwithstanding, on the contrary, on the other hand, or, otherwise, rather, regardless, still, though, unfortunately, yet.
- Showing cause and effect:** accordingly, as a result, consequently, for that reason, for this purpose, hence, otherwise, so, then, therefore, thereupon, thus, to this end, with this object.
- Placing ideas in time:** again, already, always, at first, at least, at length, at once, at that time, at the same time, briefly, concurrently, during this time, earlier, eventually, finally, first (second, third, etc.), formerly, gradually, immediately, in future, in the meantime, in the past, last, lately, later, meanwhile, next, never, now, once, presently, promptly, recently, shortly, simultaneously, so far, sometimes, soon, subsequently, suddenly, then, thereafter, until now.
- Summarising ideas:** all in all, altogether, as has been noted, finally, in brief, in conclusion, in other words, in short, in simpler terms, in summary, on the whole, that is, to put it differently, to summarise.

