

Transitions for Persuasive Pieces

To help make your persuasive paper stronger, use transitions. Transitions at the beginning or end of paragraphs make it so the paragraphs can't be moved around and still make sense. Transitions within paragraphs make it so sentences cannot be moved around within a paragraph and still make sense. Make sure you use transitions that make sense. Just throwing transitions in somewhere to throw them in will not help make your paper better, but will instead make it more confusing. Below are some common transitions you can use in different situations in your paper.

Continuing with the same line of reasoning:

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| - consequently | - clearly, then |
| - furthermore | - additionally |
| - and | - in addition |
| - moreover | - because |
| - besides that | - in the same way |
| - following this further | - also |
| - pursuing this further | - in light of. . . it is easy to see that |

Changing your line of reasoning (contrasting):

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| - however | - on the other hand |
| - but | - yet |
| - nevertheless | - on the contrary |

Opening a paragraph initially, or for general use:

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| - admittedly | - assuredly |
| - certainly | - granted |
| - no doubt | - nobody denies |
| - obviously | - of course |
| - to be sure | - true |
| - undoubtedly | - unquestionably |
| - generally speaking | - in general |
| - at this level | - in this situation |

To signal a conclusion:

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| - therefore | - this |
| - hence | - in final analysis |
| - in conclusion | - indeed |
| - in final consideration | |

To restate a point within a paragraph another way:

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| - in other words | - point in fact |
| - specifically | |

To address reader concerns:

- some may argue that
- some may think
- readers could argue that
- one could argue that
- some may say that
- an opposing viewpoint is
- a downside to this is

Transitions used to make counter-arguments:

- this is not true for
- this may be true, but
- nevertheless,
- on the contrary,
- yet
- even so,
- this is not true because
- this may be true; however
- still,
- on the other hand,
- however
- but,

Transitions to support reasons or add details:

- for instance,
- in addition,
- besides,
- likewise,
- for example,
- additionally,
- furthermore,
- also,

Transitions used to emphasize:

- indeed
- again
- in fact,
- for this reason
- truly
- with this in mind

Transitions to conclude or summarize:

- therefore
- as a result
- thus
- consequently
- in short
- all in all

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