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Transition Words and Phrases

Sequence/ Additive Here is more and what is next

again, also, and, and then, besides, finally, first...second...third, furthermore, last, moreover, next, still, too

TimeWho said what and when

after a bit, after a few days, after a while, afterward, as long as, as soon as, at last, at length, at that time, before, earlier, immediately, in the meantime, in the past, lately, later, meanwhile, now, presently, shortly, simultaneously, since, so far, soon, then, thereafter, until, when

Comparison/ Similarity It is just like

again, also, in the same way, likewise, once more, similarly

Contrast/ Change Here is the other side

although, but, despite, even though, however, in contrast, in spite of, instead, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, on the contrary, on the one hand...on the other hand, regardless, still, though, yet

Examples/ Amplification Here is a specific instance

after all, even, for example, for instance, indeed, in fact, of course, specifically, such as, the following example, to illustrate

Cause and Effect This is why it happened

accordingly, as a result, because, consequently, for this purpose, hence, so, then, therefore, thereupon, thus, to this end

PlaceHere is where it happened

above, adjacent to, below, beyond, closer to, elsewhere, far, farther on, here, near, nearby, opposite to, there, to the left, to the right

Concession You agree that

although it is true that, granted that, I admit that, it may appear that, naturally, of course

Summary/Conclusion Here is where you pull all the ideas together

as a result, in any event, in conclusion, in other words, in short, on the whole, therefore, to summarize, to sum up, in brief, for these reasons

Repetition

as has been noted, as I have said, as we have seen, as mentioned earlier, again, to repeat, that is, in other words