Common Transitions

Transitions for Comparison
similar to
similarly
likewise
like
just like
just as
furthermore
moreover
equally
again
also
too
so

Transitions for Process
the first step
in the beginning
to start with
to begin with
first of all
while you are ...
as you are ...
next
then
the second step
after you have ...
the last step
the final step
finally
at last
eventually

Transitions for Contrast
on the contrary
on the other hand
in contrast with
in spite of
despite
instead of
different from
whereas
while
although
tough
unlike
even though
nevertheless
however
but
otherwise
except for
and yet
still

Transitions for Narration
at once
immediately
soon afterward
suddenly
later, later on
now, by now
finally
in the next moment
after a little while
first, first of all
then
next

Transitions for Classification
Comparison: at the same
time, in the same way, in
like manner, likewise,
similarly
Contrast: and yet, although
true, at the same time,
but, conversely, for all that,
however, in contrast,
nevertheless, whereas,
notwithstanding, on the
one hand, on the other
hand, still, yet

Transitions for Definition
for example, first, second,
third, therefore, consequently,
as a result, though, as a
starting point, but, if the truth
were known, that is, however

Transitions for Cause and
Effect
Cause: because, due to,
factors, reasons, bring
about, basis, sources,
give rise to
Effect: result, consequence,
outcome, outgrowth, effect

Transitions for Time
first, then, next, after, before,
while, meanwhile, now, during,
finally

Space Signals
next to, across, on the
opposite side, to the left, to
the right, in front of, in back
of, above, below, behind,
neary

Additional Signals
first of all, for one thing,
second, the third reason,
also, next, another, and,
in addition, moreover, further-
more, last of all

Time Signals
first, then, next, after, before,
while, meanwhile, now, during,
finally

Change of Direction Signals
but, however, yet, in contrast,
otherwise, still, on the
contrary, on the other hand

Illustration Signals
for example, for instance,
specifically, as an illustration,
once, such as

Conclusion Signals
therefore, consequently, thus,
then, as a result, in summary,
to conclude, last of all, finally

To Make Your Point Stand
Out Clearly
the first reason
first of all
in the first place
second, secondly
another example
even more important
also, next
then
finally
most important
all in all
in conclusion
to summarize

To Show an Example of What
Has Just Been Said
for example
for instance

To Show the Consequence of
What Has Just Been Said
therefore
as a result
then

To Make a Contrasting
Point Clear
on the other hand
but
contrary to current thinking
however

To Admit a Point
of course
granted

To Resume Your Argument
after Admitting a Point
nevertheless
even so
nonetheless
still

To Call the Reader's
Attention to Your
Organization
Before attempting to
answer these questions.
let me ...
In our discussion so far, we
have seen that ...
At this point it is necessary
to ...
It is beyond the scope of this
dpaper to ...