

Common Transitions

Giving Examples

For example
An example of this is

For insurance
To illustrate

Enumerating / Sequence

First, second(ly), third(ly)
Finally
Lastly

Summary

In conclusion
In summary
To conclude
To summarize
On the whole

Adding Information

Furthermore
Moreover
In addition

Also (mid-sentence)

Focusing information / emphasis

Indeed
In fact
Again
Surely

Contrasting

However
In contrast
By contrast
On the other hand
Unlike X, Y is . . .

Nonetheless
Nevertheless
Still

Comparing

Like X, Y is . . .
Similarity
Likewise
In the same way

Introducing Result

Consequently
As a consequence
For this reason
As a result
Hence
Thus
Therefore

Watch out:

On the contrary (meaning)

MIT is not easy. **On the contrary**, studying here is extremely demanding.

Not only . . . but also (placement – smallest grammatically equal unit)

Clinton disappointed **not only** the voters **but also** his family.

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