# Common Transitional Words and Phrases

These words will help you achieve a smooth transition between paragraphs and/or subjects. If you have any questions on how to use them, please feel free to come to the STAR Center and see Mandy Davis for help.

**To show sequence**
- first, second, third, then, after,
- afterward, since, before, when,
- whenever, until, as soon as, as long as, while, again, also, besides, finally, furthermore, last, moreover, next, still, too

**To show cause and effect**
- therefore, thus, consequently, as a result, for this reason, so, so that,
- accordingly, because, for this purpose, hence, thereupon, to this end, since

**To compare**
- similarly, likewise, in like manner,
- also, in fact, actually, indeed,
- certainly, again, in the same way,
- once more

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

**To show addition**
- and, in addition, also, furthermore,
- moreover, besides, next, again, too,
- second, third, another, finally
To indicate time
before, now, after, afterwards,
subsequently, later, earlier,
meanwhile, in the meantime, while,
as long as, so far, after a bit, after a
few days, after a while, as soon as,
at last, at length, a that time,
before, earlier, immediately, in the
meantime, in the past, lately,
presently, shortly, simultaneously,
since, then, thereafter, until, when

To give examples
for example, for instance,
specifically, namely, to illustrate,
that is, in particular, after all, even,
indeed, in fact, of course, such as,
the following example

To generalize
in general, for the most part, as a
general rule, on the whole, usually,
typically

To emphasize a point
indeed, in fact, as matter of fact,
even

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

To show qualification
frequently, often, usually, in general,
ocasionally, provided, in case,
unless, when, since, because, for, if
To signal concession

of course, naturally, although it is
ture that, granted that, I admit that,
may appear that,
though, no doubt, to be
sure, whereas, of course, doubtless,
certainly

To conclude or summarize

in conclusion, to conclude, in
summary, to summarize, in short, in
other words, therefore, thus, in
reality, as a result, as has been
noted, as I have said, as we have
seen, as mentioned earlier, in any
event, on the whole, therefore