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HOW DO I?

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It can sometimes be difficult to start a sentence to express ideas, or find words to show the relationship between ideas. Below is a list of possible sentence starters, transitional and other words that may be useful.

Academic Integrity ▾

To introduce

This essay discusses ...    ... is explored ...    ... is defined ...

Academic Writing ▾

The definition of ... will be given    ... is briefly outlined ...    ... is explored ...

APA Style ▾

The issue focused on ...    ... is demonstrated ...    ... is included ...

Writing Skills ▾

In this essay .....    ... is explained ...    ... are identified ...

Parts of Speech ▾

The key aspect discussed ...    ... are presented ...    ... is justified ...

Study Skills ▾

Views on .... range from ....    ... is evaluated ...    ... is examined ...

Assignment Types ▾

The central theme ...    ... is described ...    ... is analysed ...

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Emphasised are ...    ... is explained and illustrated with examples ...

To conclude

Exemplars ▾

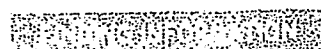
In summary, ...    To review, ...    In conclusion, ...

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In brief, ...    To summarise, ...    To sum up, ...

To conclude, ...    Thus, ...    Hence, ...

It has been shown that, ...    In short, ...

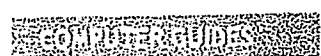


- o Primo Search
- o Credo Reference
- o Library Databases
- o Subject Guides

### To compare and contrast

Similarly, ...	In the same way ...	Likewise, ...
In comparison ...	Complementary to this ...	Then again, ...
However, ...	This is in contrast to ...	In contrast, ...
And yet ...	Nevertheless, ...	Conversely, ...
On the contrary, ...	On the other hand, ...	Notwithstanding ...
Whereas ...	In contrast to ...	That aside, ...
While this is the case ...	... disputes ...	Despite this, ...

- o Study Guides
- o APA Referencing



- o Computer Guides
- o Database Tutorials

### To add ideas

Also, ...	Equally important ...	Subsequently, ...
Futhermore, ...	Moreover, ...	As well as ....
Next...	Another essential point...	Additionally, ...
More importantly, ...	In the same way ...	Another ...
Then, ...	In addition, ...	Besides, ...
Then again, ...	Firstly, ... secondly, ... thirdly, ... finally, ...	To elaborate, ...

### To present uncommon or rare ideas

Seldom ...	Few ...	Not many ...
A few ...	... is uncommon	... is scarce ...
Rarely ...	... is rare ...	... is unusual ...

### To present common or widespread ideas

Numerous ...	Many ...	More than ...
Several ...	Almost all ...	The majority ...
Most ...	Commonly ...	Significant ...
... is prevalent ...	... is usual ...	Usually ...

To present inconclusive ideas

Perhaps ...	... may be ...	... might be ...
There is limited evidence for ...	... is debated ...	... is possibly ...
... could ...	... may include ...	

To give examples

For example, ...	... as can be seen in ...	... supports ...
An illustration of ...	... as demonstrated by ...	... is observed ...
Specifically, ...	... is shown ...	... exemplifies ...
Such as ...	As an example ...	To illustrate, ...
For instance, ...		

To show relationships or outcome

Therefore ...	As a result ...	For that reason ...
Hence, ...	Otherwise, ...	Consequently, ...
The evidence suggests/shows ...	It can be seen that ...	With regard to ...
After examining ....	These factors contribute to ...	It is apparent that ...
Considering ... it can be concluded that ...	Subsequently, ....	The effect is ...
The outcome is ...	The result ...	The correlation ...

The relationship ...	The link ...	The convergence ...
The connection ...	... interacts with ...	Both ....
... affects ...	Thus it is ...	... causes ...
... influences ...	... predicts ...	... leads to ...
... informs ...	... presupposes	... emphasises
... demonstrates ...	... impacts on ...	... supports ...

### To present prior or background ideas

In the past, ...	Historically, ...	Traditionally, ...
Customarily, ...	Beforehand, ...	Originally, ...
Prior to this, ...	Earlier, ...	Formerly, ...
Previously, ...	Over time, ...	At the time of ...
Conventionally, ...	Foundational to this is ...	In earlier ...
Initially, ...	At first, ...	Recently ...
Until now, ...	The traditional interpretation ...	

### To present others' ideas

According to ...	Based on the findings of ... it can be argued...	... proposed that ...
As explained by ...	... states that ...	... claims that ...
However, ... stated that ...	... suggested ...	... concluded that ...
Similarly, ... stated that ...	... for example, ...	... agreed that ...
Based on the ideas of ...	... defined .... as ....	... relates ...
As identified by ...	... disputed that ...	... contrasts ...