

Claims – Evidence – Reasoning (C-E-R) Writing Graphic Organizer

Remember: The purpose of this Graphic Organizer is to help make connections between the claim, the evidence of that claim, and the reason that the evidence supports that claim. The order that you use it doesn't matter (questions first, claim first, evidence first, or reason first).

Question		
Claim		
Evidence		Reason:
Transition Words	Source	
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Conclusion		
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Transition Words (<http://www.smart-words.org/transition-words.html>)

Agreement / Addition / Similarity

The transition words like *also*, *in addition*, *and*, *likewise*, add information, reinforce ideas, and **express agreement** with preceding material.

in the first place	in the light of	moreover	also
not only ... but also	not to mention	as well as	then
as a matter of fact	to say nothing of	together with	equally
in like manner	equally important	of course	identically
in addition	by the same token	likewise	uniquely
coupled with	again	comparatively	like
in the same way	to	correspondingly	furthermore
first, second, third	and	additionally	similarly

Cause / Condition / Purpose

These transitional phrases present specific **conditions** or **intentions**.

in the event that	with this in mind	unless	in case
granted (that)	in the hope that	when	provided that
as / so long as	to the end that	whenever	given that
on (the)	in order to	since	only / even if
condition (that)	seeing / being that	while	so that
for the purpose of	in view of	because of	so as to
with this intention	If ... then	as	owing to
while	due to	since	inasmuch as

Effect / Consequence / Result

Some of these transition words (*thus*, *then*, *accordingly*, *consequently*, *therefore*, *henceforth*) are time words that are used to show that **after** a particular time there was a **consequence** or an **effect**.

as a result	then	consequently	accordingly
under those	hence	therefore	henceforth
circumstances	for	because the	thereupon
in that case	thus	for this reason	forthwith

Examples / Support / Emphasis

These transitional devices (like *especially*) are used to introduce examples as **support**, to indicate **importance** or as an **illustration** so that an idea is cued to the reader.

for one thing	that is to say	on the positive / negative side	truly
as an illustration	with attention to		indeed
in this case	by all means	with this in mind	certainly
for this reason	important to		surely
to put it another way	realize	notably	markedly
frequently	another key point	including	especially
significantly	first thing to remember	like	specifically
in fact	most compelling evidence	to be sure	expressively
in general	must be	namely	surprisingly
in particular	remembered	to demonstrate	for example
in detail	point often overlooked	to emphasize	for instance
such as	to point out	to repeat	in other words
chiefly		to clarify	
		to explain	to put it differently

Conclusion / Summary / Restatement

These transition words and phrases **conclude**, **summarize** and/or **restate** ideas, or a indicate a final **general statement**. Also some words (like *therefore*) from the **Effect / Consequence** category can be used to summarize.

as can be seen	as shown above	in a word	in summary
generally speaking	in the long run	for the most part	in conclusion
in the final analysis	given these points	after all	in short
all things considered	as has been noted	in fact	in brief
altogether	on balance	to summarize	in essence
in any event	overall	usually	to sum up
	ordinarily	by and large	on the whole
	all in all		in either case