



Transition Words

Transition words link the sentences within a paragraph. They can also be used to link paragraphs.

Using transition words well can improve your writing. They help the reader move smoothly from one idea to the next. Here are a few common transition words and phrases.

according to	for example	now	though
after	fortunately	perhaps	unfortunately
although	however	since	unless
another	lastly	sometimes	until
because	maybe	soon	when
finally	meanwhile	still	whether
first	next	then	while

In the following example, the transition words are in bold.

What is the first true sign of spring? **Perhaps** the first sign is the sound of birds singing again after a long winter. For some people, **however**, the first sign of spring is water in the basement.

Unfortunately, we had a big flood in our basement last winter.