

## Key Words and Transitional Phrases

When moving onto a new idea, it is important to “stitch” it to the preceding idea. Below, you will find a list of words which initiate “transitional phrases”.

Note: on their own, transition words are ineffective.

- ☹ Firstly the imagery in the novel suggests that the tension between opposing viewpoints is what defines existence.
  
- ☺ In addition to creating the sense that life is inherently paradoxical, the imagery in the novel suggests that the tension between opposing viewpoints is what defines existence.

The transitional phrase (In addition to creating the sense that life is inherently paradoxical) re-states the preceding idea, as the writer begins to move onto the next idea (the imagery in the novel suggests that the tension between opposing viewpoints is what defines existence).

### Below you will find a list of transition phrase starters

#### **Addition:**

In addition, again, moreover, further, furthermore, finally, lastly, at last, in conclusion, once again

#### **Comparison:**

Similarly, likewise, in like manner, whereas, but, on the other hand, except, by comparison, where, compared to, up against, balanced against, vis-a-vis

#### **Contrast:**

But, however, yet, still, nevertheless, on the other hand, after all, for all of that, on the contrary, notwithstanding, in contrast

#### **Emphasis:**

In fact, indeed, in any event, certainly, definitely, never, extremely, absolutely, always

#### **Example:**

For example, for instance, in this case, in another case, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of. . ., in this manner

#### **Exception:**

Yet, still, however, nevertheless, in spite of, despite, of course, once in a while, sometime

#### **Place:**

Near, beyond, opposite to, adjacent to, at the same place, here, there

#### **Proof:**

For the same reason, in fact, in addition

#### **Purpose:**

To this end, with this object, for this purpose

#### **Result:**

Accordingly, thus, consequently, hence, therefore, wherefore, there upon

#### **Time:**

After a short time, afterwards, at last, at length, earlier, hitherto, immediately, in the future, in the meantime, later, meanwhile, soon, subsequently, ultimately, previously, prior to