



Timely Transitions

Handout 2

The Glue That Holds Your Thoughts Together

Use these transitional words when you write to help your paragraphs flow smoothly from one to another. Save this sheet in your notebook.

Words Used to Show Time

first	then	afterward	earlier
second	later	meanwhile	at last
next	soon	before	after a while

Words Used to Show Sequence

first	therefore	before this	thus
secondly	at this time	previously	finally
following this	now	at this point	also

Words Used to Show an Example

for instance	of course	to demonstrate
to illustrate	after all	in this case
for example		in fact

Words Used to Show Conclusion

in conclusion	as mentioned earlier	finally
therefore	as I have said	thus
to summarize	as we have seen	to sum up