

TRANSITIONAL WORDS AND PHRASES

To indicate a conclusion or result:

therefore He is very unhappy. **Therefore,**
consequently **Consequently,**
thus **Thus,**
hence **Hence,** he cries a lot.

as a result of **As a result of** his unhappiness, he cries a lot.

in other words He cries all the time, he can't sleep, and he doesn't want to see his friends. **In other words,** he's very unhappy.

To introduce an illustration:

for example John often makes mistakes. **For example,**
for instance **For instance,** yesterday...

to illustrate Wars are not simply acts of aggression. **To illustrate,** Jacob Weil shows...

namely There are three types of breakfast, **namely** the quick breakfast, the leisurely breakfast, and the indulgent breakfast.

To add a thought:

Likewise He needed to find a new job. **Likewise,** she found herself out of work.
similarly **Similarly,**

in fact Things were not going well. **In fact,** he needed to find a new job.

moreover Things were not going well. He needed to find a new job. **Moreover,** he was behind on his mortgage payments.

furthermore **Furthermore,**
in addition **In addition,**

firstly/secondly/
thirdly Things were not going well. **Firstly,** he needed to find a new job. **Secondly,** he was behind on his mortgage payments. **Thirdly,** his girlfriend was going to

finally leave him, and **finally,** his dog was sick.

again **Again**, the argument Weil made in the first chapter holds true.

To make a qualification or contrast:

on the other hand Things were not going well. **On the other hand**, it was not the end of the world.

however Things were not going well. It was not, **however**, the end of the world.

but Things were not going well, **but** it was not the end of the world.

nevertheless It was not the end of the world, but it was a tough blow **nevertheless**.

still It was not the end of the world. **Still**, it was a tough blow.

or It was not the end of the world...**or** maybe it was.

nor It was not the end of the world, **nor** was it the end of his career.

on the contrary It was not the end of the world. **On the contrary**, it was a blessing in disguise.

To introduce quoted proofs:

According to psychologist John Doe, "..."

In the words of psychologist John Doe, "..."

One commentator says, "..."

One critic argues, "..."

Dr. Jane Doe maintains, "..."

On the other hand, John believes, "..."

Referring to "X," Jane Doe says, "..."