

Transition Words and Phrases

Sequence:

again, also, and, and then, besides, finally, first...second...third, furthermore, last, moreover, next, still, too, the next step, this takes us to

Time:

after a bit, after a few days, after a while, afterward, as long as, as soon as, at last, at length, at that time, before, earlier, immediately, in the meantime, in the past, lately, later, meanwhile, now, presently, shortly, simultaneously, since, so far, soon, then, thereafter, until, when, in a little while, afterward, by this time

Comparison:

again, also, in the same way, likewise, once more, similarly, by the way

Contrast:

although, but, despite, even though, however, in contrast, in spite of, instead, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, on the contrary, on the one hand...on the other hand, regardless, still, though, yet

Examples:

after all, even, for example, for instance, indeed, in fact, of course, specifically, such as, the following example, to illustrate, to illustrate this point

Cause and Effect:

accordingly, as a result, because, consequently, for this purpose, hence, so, then, therefore, thereupon, thus, to this end, as you can imagine

Place:

above, adjacent to, below, beyond, closer to, elsewhere, far, farther on, here, near, nearby, opposite to, there, to the left, to the right

Concession:

although it is true that, granted that, I admit that, it may appear that, naturally, of course, as a result

Summary, Repetition, or Conclusion:

as a result, as has been noted, as I have said, as we have seen, as mentioned earlier, in any event, in conclusion, in other words, in short, on the whole, therefore, to summarize, all in all, consequently, from now on, in closing, simply stated, to sum up my thoughts, when all is said and done

Idioms - A

(Don't) add fuel to the fire

(Don't) add insult to injury

(Don't) kick a man when he's down

- Don't make a bad situation even worse.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder

- Being far away from a person you love makes your love even stronger.

A penny saved is a penny earned

- It's good to save money, rather than spending and wasting it.

A picture is worth a thousand words

- Pictures can give more information than words alone.

Actions speak louder than words

- What you actually do is more important than what you say you will do.

(It's) all in your head

- imagined, not real

Around the clock

- all the time; 24 hours

Asleep at the wheel

- not paying attention; not doing his/her responsibilities

(Shout or yell) at the top of your lungs

- (to shout or yell) as loud as you can

Idiom Advice

Using the idioms, give advice to these people:

Tom: I really want to go see a movie tonight, but I'm trying to save my money to buy a new watch.

Advice: _____

Julie: I just saw my brother's girlfriend with another boy, but he's in a really bad mood because he got fired this morning. Do you think I should tell him?

Advice: _____

Iris: *Did you hear that? I think I heard something in the kitchen! Wait. . . . I'm not sure. There it is again! I think I heard something. Do you hear it? Maybe it's a ghost! Maybe it's a thief!*

Advice: _____

William: My grandfather is so old that he's almost deaf. When I talk to him, he doesn't even notice that I'm talking.

Advice: _____

Rita: My sister always steals my money! I yelled at her, and she apologized and promised that she would stop, but I don't know if I should believe her.

Advice: _____

David: My girlfriend got a really good job offer in Taipei, but I'm afraid that if she moves away, she'll forget about me and we might break up.

Advice: _____