Transitional Words

The following are common words and phrases that help show logical connections between sentences or between ideas. Use these transitional words to enhance your writing transitions throughout paragraphs.

**Additional facts**- again, also, another, and besides, finally, further, furthermore, in conclusion, initially, next, to begin with

**Similarities**- as, as though, also, in the same way, like, similarly

**Contrasts**- although, but, despite, either, even though, however, if, in spite of, instead, neither, still, unless, yet

**Place**- above, among, adjacent, below, beyond, farther, nearby, opposite, there, under

**Cause**- because, since, for this reason

**Result**- as a result, consequently, for this reason, obviously, so, therefore

**Specific Examples**- a few of these are, especially, for example, in particular, specifically

**Emphasis**- basically, essentially, certainly, in fact, indeed, of course

**Time**- after, afterward, as soon as, before, finally, later, now, not long after, until, when, while

Vibrant Verbs

The following are a list of vibrant verbs that will help you to “spice up” your writing. Choose one of these verbs instead of a common overused verb like, “said.”

Acknowledged

Added

Admitted

Advised

Agreed

Announced

Answered

Approved

Argued

Assumed

Assured

Asked

Babbled

Bargained

Began

Boasted

Bragged

Called

Claimed

Commanded

Commented

Complained

Cried

Decided

Demanded

Denied

Described

Dictated

Emphasized

Estimated

Exclaimed

Explained

Expressed

Feared

Giggled

Grinned

Grunted

Indicated

Insisted

Instructed

Laughed

Lectured

Lied

Mentioned

Moaned

Mumbled

Murmured

Nagged

Noted

Notified

Objected

Observed

Ordered

Pleaded

Pointed out

Prayed

Predicted

Questioned

Reassured

Related

Repeated

Replied

Responded

Requested

Restated

Revealed

Roared

Ruled

Scolded

Screamed

Shouted

Shrieked

Snapped

Sneered

Sobbed

Spoke

Sputtered

Stammered

Stated

Stormed

Suggested

Taunted

Thought

Told

Urged

Uttered

Vowed

Wailed

Warned

Whispered

Dead Words

Some words in the English language tend to be overused and therefore lose their power. These are called Dead Words. Below is a list of dead words and more interesting alternatives that should be used in their place when you are writing.

**Also**: too, moreover, besides, as well as, in addition to

**Awesome, Cool, Rad**: fine wonderful, marvelous, great, fantastic

**Scared**: afraid, fearful, terrified, frightened

**Have to**: need to, must

**Very**: extremely, exceedingly, fantastically, unusually, incredibly, intensely, truly, fully, especially, shockingly, bitterly, immeasurably, infinitely, severely, surely, mightily, powerfully, chiefly

**Like**: such as, similar to, similarly

**Kid:** child, boy, girl, youngster, youth

**Mad:** angry, frustrated, furious, incensed, enraged

**Got, Get:** received, obtained, attained, succeed in

**Then:** first, second, next, later, finally, afterward, meanwhile, soon

**Nice:** pleasant, charming, fascinating, captivating, delightful, pleasurable, pleasing

**Lots:** Numerous, heaps, many, scores, innumerable

**So:** thus, accordingly, therefore

**Fun:** pleasant, pleasurable, amusing, entertaining, jolly

**Good:** excellent, exceptional, fine, marvelous, splendid, superb, wonderful

**But:** however, moreover, yet, still, nevertheless, though, although, on the other hand

**Awful:** dreadful, alarming, frightful, terrible, horrid, shocking

**Great:** wonderful, marvelous, fantastic

**Guy:** man, person, fellow, boy

**Funny:** amusing, comical, laughable, jovial