



Transition Words

Transitional words help connect ideas from sentence to sentence, paragraph to paragraph. They play an important role in helping readers understand the relationship between ideas and how these ideas progress.

- **To show addition:** also, again, as well as, besides, coupled with, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly
- **To show consequence:** accordingly, as a result, consequently, for this reason, for this purpose, hence, otherwise, so, then, subsequently, therefore, thus, thereupon, wherefore
- **To illustrate:** for example, for instance, for one thing, as an illustration, illustrated with, as an example, in this case
- **To emphasize:** above all, chiefly, with attention to, especially, particularly, singularly, indeed, that is
- **To contrast:** in contrast, conversely, instead, likewise, on one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather, yet, but, however, still, nevertheless
- **To show similarity:** comparatively, coupled with, correspondingly, identically, likewise, similarly, moreover, together with, also
- **To summarize:** after all, all in all, all things considered, briefly, by and large, in any case, in any event, in brief, in conclusion, on the whole, in short, in summary, in the final analysis, in the long run, to sum up, to summarize, finally, ultimately
- **To show sequence:** at first, first (*not firstly*), second (*not secondly*), third (*not thirdly*), to begin with, in the first place, at the same time, for now, for the time being, the next step, in time, in turn, later on, meanwhile, next, then, soon, later, while, earlier, simultaneously, afterward, in conclusion, last (*not lastly*)

*Note: When using these transition words at the beginning of a sentence, be sure to follow it with a comma.



Example Sentences

To show consequence: I fought Brock with only Pikachu; *as a result*, I had to catch a Nidoran♂ and have it learn Double Kick to beat him.

To contrast: Electric type moves are ineffective against ground type Pokemon; *instead*, use either grass, water, or fighting type moves.

To show sequence: There are several steps to catching a Pokemon. *first*, you must wander the tall grass, until you encounter a wild Pokemon. *next*, you must weaken that Pokemon without fainting it. *last*, throw a pokeball and... da da da dadada da da. Gotcha! Nidoran♂ was caught!

To show addition: After you catch a Pokemon, you can *also* give it a nickname.

To illustrate: Nothing is set in stone in the world of Pokemon; *for instance*, Togekiss is no longer a normal/flying type, it is now a fairy/flying type.

To emphasize: Having updates in the world of Pokemon is a good thing; *mainly*, adding the fairy type creates balance against dragon type Pokemon.

To show similarity: Digimon and Pokemon are not the same thing; however, characteristics such as battles led by humans **coupled with** gaining strength through evolution may be cause for confusion between the two.

To summarize: *Overall*, Pokemon is one of the best fantasy worlds to have come from Japan.