Transitional words & phrases

Addition: also, besides, furthermore, in addition, moreover, again

Consequence: accordingly, as a result, consequently, hence, otherwise, so then, therefore, thus, thereupon

Summarizing: 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, on balance, to sum up, to summarize, finally

Generalizing: as a rule, as usual, for the most part, generally, generally speaking, ordinarily, usually

Restatement: in essence, in other words, namely, that is, that is to say, in short, in brief, to put it differently

Contrast and Comparison: by contrast, by the same token, conversely, instead, likewise, on one hand, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather, similarly, yet, but, however, still, nevertheless, in contrast

Sequence: at first, first of all, 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, the meantime, later, while, earlier, simultaneously, afterward, in conclusion

Diversion: by the way, incidentally

Illustration: for example, for instance, for one thing

Similarity: likewise, similar, moreover, what is more

Direction: here, there, over there, beyond, nearly, opposite, under, above, to the left, to the right, in the distance