

Transition and Signal Words for Essays

Sequence and Chronological Order Stems

After
Afterwards
Ago
Already
At last
At the same time
As
Before
During
Eventually
Even now
Finally
(the) final
First, first of all
Following
For a time
Further, furthermore
Immediately
Initially
In the first place
In the meantime
Last, lastly
Later
Long after
Meanwhile
Next
Now
Not long after
Once
On (date)
Preceding
Presently
Second, secondly
Several
Sometimes
Soon, soon after
Some
Subsequently
Suddenly
Then
Thereafter
Third
To begin with
Today
Until
While

Compare and Contrast Stems

Although
Also
As opposed to
As well as
But
By comparison
Compared with
Conversely
Despite
Different from
Either...or
Even though
Equally important
However
In comparison
In contrast
In like manner
In the same way
In spite of
Instead of
Just as
Like
Likewise
Neither...nor
Nevertheless
Nonetheless
Notwithstanding
On the contrary
Not only...but also
On the other hand
Rather than
Regardless
Same as
Similarly
Still
Unlike
Unless
Whereas
While
Yet