

# Common Transitions

## Giving Examples

For example  
An example of this is

For instance  
To illustrate

## Enumerating / Sequence

First, second(ly), third(ly)  
Finally  
Lastly

## Summary

In conclusion  
In summary  
To conclude  
To summarize  
On the whole

## Adding Information

Furthermore  
Moreover  
In addition

Also (mid-sentence)

## Focusing information / emphasis

Indeed  
In fact  
Again  
Surely

## Contrasting

However  
In contrast  
By contrast  
On the other hand  
Unlike X, Y is . . .

Nonetheless  
Nevertheless  
Still

## Comparing

Like X, Y is . . .  
Similarity  
Likewise  
In the same way

## Introducing Result

Consequently  
As a consequence  
For this reason  
As a result  
Hence  
Thus  
Therefore

**Watch out:**

On the contrary (meaning)

MIT is not easy. **On the contrary**, studying here is extremely demanding.

Not only . . . but also (placement – smallest grammatically equal unit)

Clinton disappointed **not only** the voters **but also** his family.