**TO SHOW SEQUENCE:**
first (second, etc.), and so forth, next, then, following this, at this time, now, at this point, after, afterward, subsequently, consequently, previously, before this, simultaneously, thus, hence, concurrently, therefore, next, and then, finally.

**TO SUMMARIZE OR CONCLUDE:**
in brief, on the whole, hence, summing up, to conclude, in conclusion, as I have shown, as I have said, therefore, thus, as a result, consequently, accordingly, on the whole.

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Transitional devices (also known as conjunctive adverbs) **link ideas/sentences** by showing their relationships to each other. They also link paragraphs together so that the reader moves smoothly from one to another. In addition, they help you express your ideas in an **organized** manner.

**TO ADD:**
and, and then, too, next, besides, what’s more, moreover, further, furthermore, in addition, equally important, finally, lastly, first (second, etc.).

**TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE:**
for example, for instance, in this case, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration.

**TO COMPARE/CONTRAST:**
whereas, where, meanwhile, but, yet, on one hand, on the other hand, however, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the contrary, in contrast, conversely, up against, balanced against, vis a vis, by comparison, compared to, although, after all, although this may be true.

**TO EMPHASIZE:**
definitely, certainly, of course, obviously, in fact, indeed, in any case, absolutely, positively, naturally, surprisingly, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, undeniably, without reservation.

**TO REPEAT:**
in brief, as I have said, as I have noted, as has been noted/said.

**TO PROVE:**
because, for, since, for the same reason, indeed, in fact, in any case, that is.

**TO SHOW EXCEPTION:**
yet, still, however, nevertheless, in spite of, despite, once in a while.

**TO SHOW TIME:**
immediately, thereafter, later, soon after, finally, previously, next, then, formerly, first (second, etc.)