Smooth Transitions:

Smooth and effective transitions are necessary for any piece of writing. Transitions guide your reader through your logical reasoning by establishing clear connections between the different parts of your paper.

Different kinds of transitions that should be included in your paper include:

Transitional paragraphs-In longer works, such as lengthy 315 English research papers, a single point from your thesis statement may include many paragraphs. As you switch from one point to another, you may want to use an entire transitional paragraph, in which you summarize the main arguments of the previous point and then connect it to the next point.

Transitions between paragraphs-These sorts of transitions will naturally flow if you have organized your paper well and arranged your paragraphs logically. They can be as simple as a single word or two at the beginning of the paragraph. Also, at the end of one paragraph you may want to summarize its content in a single sentence and suggest something of the next paragraph’s content.

Transitions between sentences within a paragraph-These are just a single word or two which connect your ideas together within a single paragraph. They shouldn’t be too noticeable, but should be used to signal a connection between or shift in your flow of ideas.

Transitional Phrases

- Similarity- also, in the same way, likewise, similarly, as just mentioned
- Exception/Contrast- but, however, in spite of, on the one hand, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, in contrast, on the contrary, still, yet
- Sequence/Order- first, second, third, next, then, finally
- Time- after, afterward, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, later, meanwhile, now, recently, simultaneously, subsequently, then
- Example- for example, for instance, namely, specifically, to illustrate
- Emphasis- even, indeed, in fact, of course, truly
- Cause and Effect- accordingly, consequently, hence, so, therefore, thus
- Additional Evidence- additionally, again, also, and, as well, besides, equally important, further, furthermore, in addition, moreover, then
- Summary/Conclusion- finally, in a word, in brief, in conclusion, in the end, in the final analysis, on the whole, thus, to conclude, to summarize, in sum, in summary, in short, to get to the point