



RECIPES FOR WRITERS

SAVE ! STUDY ! MEMORIZE!

The following groups of transition words are commonly used to organize writing so it is best able to communicate its content clearly to the reader. They act as transitions or signal words to take the reader from one point to the next. Aim to keep at least the Basic lists memorized, so they can be handy tools you use on a regular basis to help you organize your daily writing assignments.

Recipe #1 To Explain (Writing to Tell about Things)

Basic : **First,** *Challenge Words: *Furthermore
Also, *Additionally,
Another thing (about is that) *Moreover,
In addition,
Finally, Sentence Builders: _____ and _____
_____ . C _____ ; _____

Recipe #2 To Tell Order (The order in which something is done)

Basic: **First,** (The first step) **Next,** *Others: *Now
Second, **Then** *while As/as
Third, **After that. . .** *during when
(The fourth step) **Finally,** *Before *Later

*Don't overuse number words!

To Tell the Order of Events in a Story

*Soon, *Meanwhile *All of a sudden *By the time... *At last...

Recipe #3 To Give Examples

Basic: **For example/For instance,** *Challenge Words *To illustrate...
Also, ,specifically
Another example (of is) *Furthermore,
,such as. . . (*, **such as** never begins a sentence)
Use :, such as _____, _____, and _____.

Recipe #4 To Cite Reasons (To Answer Why)

Basic: First of all, / **One reason** (for this is. . .) *Challenge Words: *Furthermore
Another reason (is that...) *Moreover,
Additionally, /the reason for this is (because. . .)
Also,
In fact,
A final reason.../For these reasons

Recipe #5 Order of Importance/Ranking

Basic: First of all, Above all/most of all especially
Most importantly, more than anything else Last of all,

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Recipe #6 To Be Persuasive

Basic:	therefore absolutely / definitely Without a doubt It is important to note/ especially important Above all/Most of all	Synonyms to show emphasis: significant primary key (a key factor)
To personalize the essay:	I firmly believe In my opinion,	I strongly/highly recommend I think

Recipe #7 To Compare/Contrast

Basic for Comparing:	Basic for Contrasting:	*Challenge:
is like	,but	yet
is the same as	is different from	,rather than
is similar to	;however,	Although...
in the same way	Whereas/, whereas	*In contrast,
both	While/, while	Instead, instead of
similarities	On the one hand,/ On the other hand,	*Conversely

Recipe #8 To Clarify Cause/Effect

Because/ Because of . . . As a result, /As a result of . . . , Therefore, Due to ..., ,so	*Challenge Words: *Consequently, *Hence, *Thus,
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Recipe #9 Other Useful Transitions

always	unless	last	Nevertheless
before	whether	still	even though
since	afterward	yet	not only

Recipe #10 To Provide Satisfying Conclusions/Endings

Basic:	In conclusion, Finally, As a result, As you can see, Therefore,	*Challenge Words: *Consequently, *hence *From this we see... *In summary, *For these reasons,
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Never! Never! Never. . .

- ◆ include "because in your topic sentence
- ◆ use pronouns in your topic sentence
- ◆ begin a sentence with "Such as. . ."
- ◆ repeat the same transitions within the same paragraph.

Don't Forget! Are You using all the Colors of the *Rainbow Recipe*?