Transition Words Reference Sheet

Transition words and phrases connect the ideas in your writing and show how those ideas are related. Transition words can help your reader better understand your writing, and they make the text flow better. This sheet provides some examples of different transitional phrases you can use in your writing. If you can think of more examples, add them to the chart!

Transition words to compare ideas:	Transition words to contrast ideas:
Similarly	However
Likewise	On the contrary
By the same token	On the other hand
In similar fashion	Although
In the same way	In contrast —————
Transition words to show a cause or purpose:	Transition words to show effect or result:
Because	Therefore
For that reason	Consequently
Given that	As a result
Even if	Hence
Due to	So then
Transition words to add or extend an idea:	Transition words to clarify or emphasize:
Additionally	In other words
In addition	Particularly
Furthermore	More importantly
Moreover	Specifically
Also ———	In the same way
Transition words to show time or sequence:	Transition words to conclude or summarize:
Meanwhile	Finally
Simultaneously	In conclusion
Afterwards	Ultimately
Previously	To summarize
Subsequently ————	Altogether

★ Try using these transition words and phrases in your own writing!

