Common Transitional Words and Phrases

To show cause and effect  therefore, thus, consequently, as a result, for this reason, so, so that

To compare  similarly, likewise, in like manner, also

To contrast  however, on the one hand/on the other hand, in contrast, conversely, but, yet, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the contrary, still

To show addition  and, in addition, also, furthermore, moreover, besides

To indicate time  before, now, after, afterwards, subsequently, later, earlier, meanwhile, in the meantime, while, as long as, so far

To give examples  for example, for instance, specifically, namely, to illustrate, that is

To conclude or summarize  in conclusion, to conclude, in summary, to summarize, in short, in other words, therefore, thus, in reality

To generalize  in general, for the most part, as a general rule, on the whole, usually, typically

To emphasize a point  indeed, in fact, as a matter of fact, even

To signal concession  of course, naturally, although it is true that, granted that