**Knitting an Essay**

**A good piece of writing allows the reader to easily understand and enjoy the author’s purpose.**

**Think of a knitted scarf. The thread (the topic) is one long piece that is connected together and formed by rows or patterns (transitions). Your writing should be as fluid as a piece of knitting.**

**Below are some helpful tips and words to use in your writing:**

**Using transitional words and phrases**

* helps papers read smoothly
* provides logical organization and understandability
* improves the connections between thoughts

**A coherent paper allows the reader**

* to flow from the first idea to the last

**Transitions indicate relations**

* between a sentence, paragraph, or entire paper

**Word suggestions for different transitions/relationships**

**Addition**

also

again

as well as

besides

coupled with

furthermore

in addition

likewise

moreover

similarly

**Consequence**

accordingly

as a result

consequently

for this reason

for this purpose

hence

otherwise

so then

subsequently

therefore

thus

thereupon

wherefore

**Generalizing**

as a rule

as usual

for the most part

generally

generally speaking

ordinarily

usually

**Exemplifying**

chiefly

especially

for instance

in particular

markedly

namely  
particularly

including

specifically

such as

**Illustration**

for example

for instance

for one thing

as an illustration

illustrated with

as an example

in this case

**Emphasis**

above all

chiefly

with attention to

especially

particularly

singularly

**Similarity**

comparatively

coupled with

correspondingly

identically

likewise

similar

moreover

together with

**Exception**

[aside from](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/aside%20from)

[barring](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/barring)

[beside](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/beside)s

[except](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/except)

[excepting](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/excepting)

[excluding](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/excluding)

[exclusive of](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/exclusive%20of)

[other than](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/other%20than)

[outside of](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/outside%20of)

[save](http://thesaurus.reference.com/browse/save)

**Restatement**

in essence

in other words

namely

that is

that is to say

in short

in brief

to put it differently

**Contrast and Comparison**

contrast

by the same token

conversely

instead

likewise

on one hand

on the other hand

on the contrary

rather

similarly

yet

but

however

still

nevertheless

in contrast

**Sequence**

at first

first of all

to begin with

in the first place

at the same time

for now

for the time being

the next step

in time

in turn

later on

meanwhile

next

then

soon

the meantime

later

while

earlier

simultaneously

afterward

in conclusion

with this in mind

**Summarizing**

after all

all in all

all things considered

briefly

by and large

in any case

in any event

in brief

in conclusion

on the whole

in short

in summary

in the final analysis

in the long run

on balance

to sum up

to summarize

finally

**Diversion**  
by the way incidentally

**Direction**

here

there

over there

beyond

nearly

opposite

under

above

to the left

to the right

in the distance