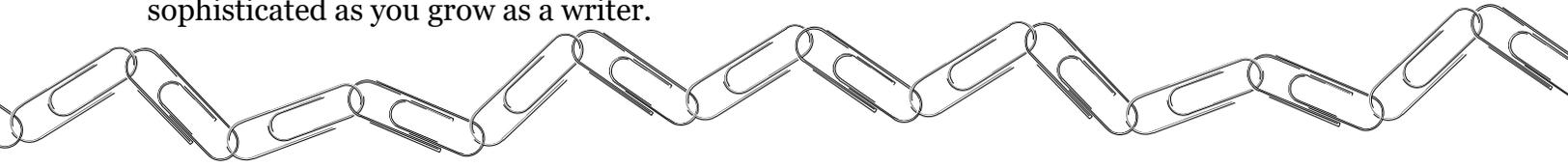


**Use transitional expressions** to signal connections between body paragraphs and ideas as well as to help your reader follow along your line of reasoning. Please make sure you select an appropriate expression for the situation. Your transitions will become more sophisticated as you grow as a writer.



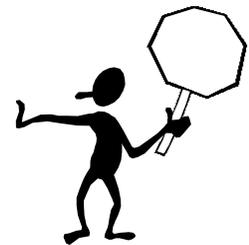
## Common Transitions

To show addition:	also, besides, furthermore, in addition, moreover, next, too, first of all, secondly, third, and
To give examples:	for example, for instance, to illustrate, in fact, specifically, particularly
To compare:	also, in the same manner, similarly, likewise
To contrast:	however, on the other hand, in contrast, nevertheless, still, even though, on the contrary, although, whereas, conversely, but, yet
To summarize:	clearly, in other words, in short, in conclusion, in summary, overall, to sum up, that is, therefore, undoubtedly
To show time:	eventually, finally, meanwhile, then, when, while, immediately, simultaneously, after, as, before, next, during, later
To show place:	above, below, beyond, farther on, nearby, opposite, close, to the left
To indicate logical relationship:	therefore, consequently, thus, as a result, for this reason, since, if, so

**Use signal phrases** to introduce quotations and to prepare readers for a quotation. To avoid monotony, **try to vary the placement and length of your signal phrases.** Below is a list to guide you. Please make sure the selected phrase makes sense in the way you use it. Also, be sure that the punctuation is correct. **Full sentences use a colon to introduce the quote while other phrases use a comma.**

## Varying Signal Phrases

In the words of the renown psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, “....”  
As Marvin Hamilton notes, “....”  
“...,” claims CLAW spokesperson Steve Smith.  
“...,” writes London, “....”  
Allison Mantikas answers these objections with the following analysis: “....”



## Verbs in Signal Phrases

acknowledges	believes	contends	explains	notes	reports
adds	claims	declares	grants	observes	responds
admits	comments	denies	illustrates	points out	states
agrees	compares	disputes	implies	reasons	suggests
argues	concedes	emphasizes	insists	refutes	thinks
asserts	confirms	endorses	maintains	rejects	writes