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Transitions Classified By Their Uses

A transitional marker indicates the relationship between two ideas or sentences. The most common markers are the coordinating conjunctions (and, but, or, not, so, yet). However, effective writing uses a variety of transitions to vary prose and make it more coherent and accurate.

Grid of transition categories: Addition/Agreement, Cause and Effect, Time Relationships, Qualifying/Or adding an Illustration, Contrast, Connecting a reason to an assertion, Summary, Concession, Examples (Expanding your idea), Comparison.