

SAT Transitions Cheat Sheet

Transition Type	Transition Words	Sample Sentence	Interchangeability
Additions or Continuations (Seamlessly adding similar information)	Additionally, Furthermore, In addition, Moreover, Also	The company implemented new training programs. Additionally, it updated its safety protocols.	Interchangeable in most cases
Comparisons (Highlighting similarity or parallel ideas)	Likewise, Similarly	The museum expanded its exhibits to attract new visitors. Likewise, the library increased its community outreach.	Interchangeable in most cases
Examples (Providing specific examples or instances)	For example, For instance	Many species are endangered due to habitat loss. For example, the Amur leopard has seen a sharp decline in population.	Interchangeable
Specific Emphasis (Highlighting particular aspects of a topic)	Specifically, In particular	Pollution affects many habitats. Specifically, the coral reefs are at risk due to rising ocean temperatures.	Unique-Use (Different emphases)
Clarifications or Rephrasings (Restating ideas for clarity)	In other words, That is, That is to say	Her popularity was nonexistent. In other words, nobody liked her.	Interchangeable in some cases
Summative Conclusions (Concluding or summarizing ideas)	In sum, In summary	(Insert long explanation here). In summary, it takes a long time to plan a webinar.	Interchangeable in all cases
Contrasts or Concessions (Presenting a counterpoint or acknowledging an exception)	However, Nevertheless, Nonetheless, Still, Granted, That being said	He wanted to invest in tech stocks. However, his advisor recommended more conservative options.	Interchangeable in many cases
Alternatives or Options (Presenting alternative perspectives or choices)	On the other hand, In contrast, By contrast, Conversely, Alternately, Alternatively	The company could expand its workforce. On the other hand, it could focus on training existing employees.	Unique-Use (Indicates specific options or contrasts)
Sequence or Order (Indicating order or progression in steps)	First, Next, Then, Subsequently, Finally, Ultimately, Secondly	First, preheat the oven. Next, mix the ingredients.	Unique-Use (Each indicates a specific step)
Cause and Effect—Direct Result (Explaining direct outcomes)	As a result, Consequently, Therefore, Thus, Hence	The team missed the deadline. As a result, they had to work overtime.	Interchangeable in many cases
Cause and Effect—Purpose or Goal-Oriented (Linking to a goal, outcome, or purpose)	For this reason, Accordingly, To that end	The project required more resources. For this reason, the team requested additional funding.	Interchangeable in many cases
Emphasis or Intensification (Highlighting importance or significance)	In fact, Indeed	Her work has been groundbreaking. In fact, she recently won an award for innovation.	Interchangeable in many cases
Time References (Referring to timing or temporal shifts)	Earlier, Previously, Meanwhile, Today, Currently	The company struggled to meet demands last year. Today, it has expanded its workforce to keep up.	Unique-Use (Each term signals a specific time)
Context-Based Transitions (Flexible transitions adaptable to various purposes based on sentence context)	Actually, Elsewhere, In many cases, In reality, In turn, Fittingly	The new policy may be challenging to implement. Actually, it requires extensive training.	Flexible Use (Adaptable based on context)

