

WORD CHOICE FOR PERSUASIVE WRITING

Note: Commas must set off introductory elements and parenthetical expressions.

Transitions for Supporting Opinions

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| First | Furthermore | Equally important |
| Second | In addition | In the first place |
| Third | Also | Moreover |
| Finally | Last | Similarly |
| Consequently | Thus | Therefore |

Introducing Details

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| For example | For instance | In support of this |
| In fact | As evidence | |

Comparing

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| Similarly | Likewise | As well as |
| Compared to | In the same way | Have in common |
| In like manner | All are | Besides |

Contrasting

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| In contrast | On the contrary | On the other hand |
| Contrasting with | Conversely | Although |
| As opposed to | Yet | |

Countering Anticipated Arguments

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| Even though you | Some people | On the other hand, |
| Although you | Nevertheless | It may be that |
| On the contrary | | |

Concluding Phrases

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| For the reasons above | Without a doubt | As you can see |
| On the whole | In brief | In other words |
| Unquestionably | To sum up | In conclusion |
| In summation | In short | Summarizing |

To indicate more information:

Besides
Furthermore
In addition
Indeed
In fact
Moreover
Second...Third..., etc.

To indicate an example:

For example
For instance
In particular
Particularly
Specifically
To demonstrate
To illustrate

To indicate a cause or reason:

As
Because
Because of
Due to
For
For the reason that
Since

To indicate a result or an effect:

Accordingly
Finally
Consequently
Hence
So
Therefore
Thus

To indicate a purpose or reason why:

For fear that
In the hope that
In order to
So
So that
With this in mind

To compare or contrast:

Although
However
In comparison
In contrast
Likewise
Nevertheless
On the other hand
Similarly
Whereas
Yet

To indicate a particular time frame or a shift from one time period to another:

After
Before
Currently
During
Eventually
Finally
First... Second..., etc.
Formerly
Immediately

Initially
Lastly
Later
Meanwhile
Next
Previously
Simultaneously
Soon
Subsequently

To summarize:

Briefly
In brief
Overall
Summing up
To put it briefly
To sum up
To summarize

To conclude:

Given these facts
Hence
In conclusion
So
Therefore
Thus
To conclude