

SAT Transition Words Master List (Easy → Hard)

Contrast / Concession

Word/Phrase	Meaning / Usage
but	shows contrast
yet	shows contrast
however	in contrast
although	despite that
even though	despite the fact that
though	despite the fact that
still	nevertheless
nonetheless	in spite of that
nevertheless	in spite of that
granted	admitting that
albeit	although
notwithstanding	despite
be that as it may	despite the previous point

Addition / Emphasis

Word/Phrase	Meaning / Usage
and	adds information
also	adds information
in addition	adds more information
furthermore	adds information
moreover	adds an additional idea
indeed	emphasizes or confirms
what's more	adds emphasis
in fact	to emphasize or prove a point
besides	adds to a previous point

Cause / Effect / Result

Word/Phrase	Meaning / Usage
so	shows result
thus	therefore
therefore	as a result

hence	as a consequence
consequently	as a result
accordingly	as a result
as such	in that capacity / therefore
thereby	by that means

Comparison / Similarity

Word/Phrase	Meaning / Usage
like	similar to
similarly	in the same way
likewise	in a similar manner
in the same way	same manner
in the same vein	similarly

Clarification / Reformulation

Word/Phrase	Meaning / Usage
for example	illustrates an idea
for instance	illustrates an idea
that is	in other words
in other words	restate idea
namely	specifically
to put it differently	rephrase idea
in essence	summarize main idea

Conditional / Qualifying

Word/Phrase	Meaning / Usage
if	shows condition
unless	except if
provided that	on the condition that
assuming that	if we suppose that
so long as	if

Time / Sequence

Word/Phrase	Meaning / Usage
then	after that

next	afterwards
afterward	after that
meanwhile	at the same time
subsequently	later on
thereafter	after that
eventually	in the end
ultimately	finally