Young Author's List of Transitions

Be sure you understand the meanings of these transitional words and phrases before you use them. Most of the time they require a comma after them.

- After
- After a few days
- After awhile
- After all
- After that
- After that step
- Afterward
- All in all
- Also
- Although
- Although it is true
- Another example
- As a general rule
- As a result
- As I have said
- As soon as
- As we have seen
- At first
- At last
- At that time
- At the same time
- At this point
- Because
- Because of this
- Before
- Besides
- Beyond
- By the same token
- By the way
- By this time
- Consequently
- Finally
- First
- First of all
- For an instant
- For example
- For instance
- For now
- For one thing
- For the time being
- From now on
- Furthermore
- Gradually
- However
- I'll be the first to admit
- If you look at it that way
- In a little while
- In addition
- In any case
- In any event
- In closing
- In conclusion
- In fact
- In other words
- In particular
- In the beginning
- In the first place
- In the same way
- Incidentally
- Last
- Later
- Later on
- Let me explain.
- Let's look at it a different way
- Likewise
- Looking back
- Meanwhile
- Moving right along
- Naturally
- Nevertheless
- Next
- Now
- Obviously
- Of course
- On the other hand
- Once again
- Once that is done
- Perhaps
- Put another way
- Second
- Simply stated
- Since
- So then
- Sometimes
- Soon
- Specifically
- Suddenly
- The first step
- The following example
- The next step
- Then
- There is no doubt that
- Third
- This takes us to
- Though
- To begin
- To begin with
- To illustrate my point
- To illustrate this
- To put it differently
- To start off
- To sum up my thoughts
- Until
- Usually
- What happened next
- When
- When all is said and done
- When you look at it that way
- Without warning
- You see

ORDINALS

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When you write out directions and list the steps to take, Make sure you get your ordinals right, Don't make a big mistake. For they are first and second, third and fourth, you see. Don't add an "-ly" to the end: It is NOT secondly. Thirdly makes me shudder, Fourthly makes me scoff, So write them second, third and fourth, And leave the "-ly" off.
## Linking Words

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