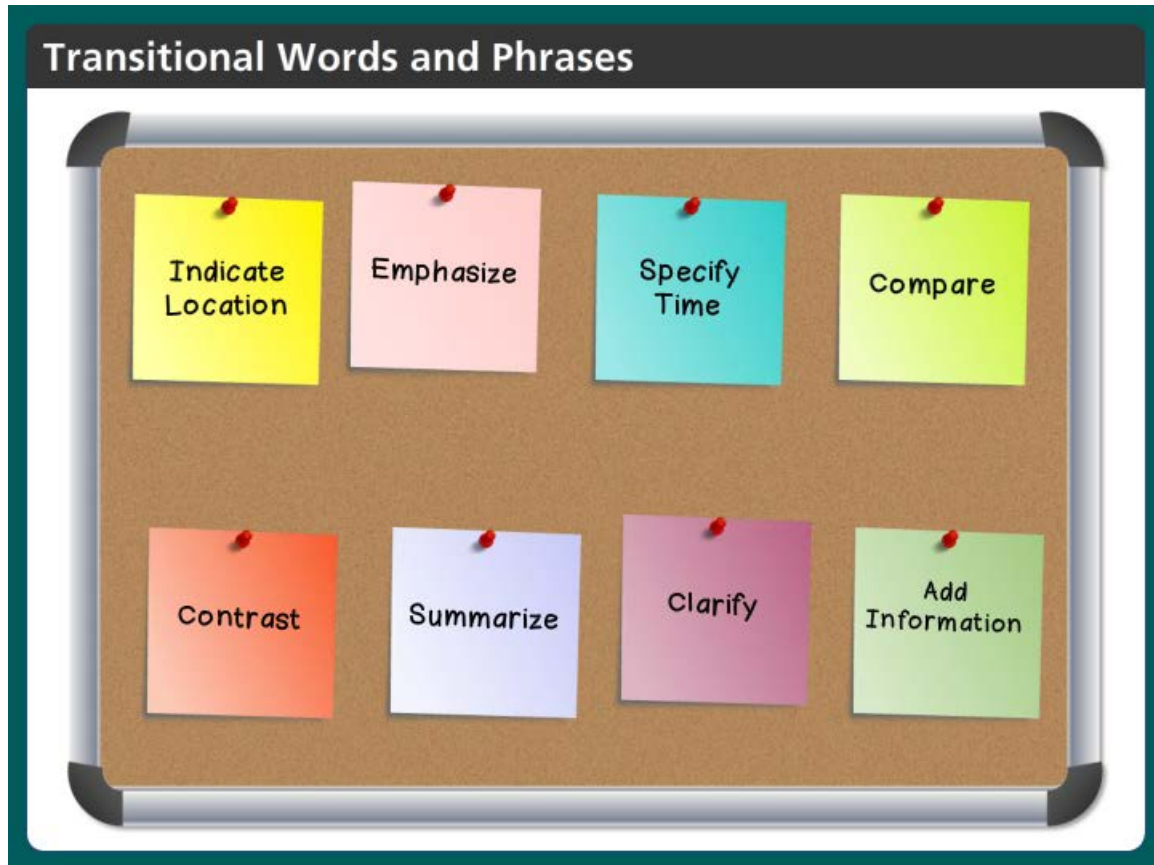# Module 6: Writing a Research Paper
Topic 3 Content: Transitional Words and Phrases

Introduction

To ensure coherence and flow in your paper, you should not only include transitions between paragraphs but also transitions between sentences. Transitional words and phrases help to make your ideas organized and clear to the reader. Take a moment to look at common transitional words and phrases that can link sentences and paragraphs. Each of the notes in this interactivity lists one of the ways in which information or ideas can be related. Click each note on the bulletin board to view the corresponding transitional words and phrases.

Indicate Location

Transitional Words and Phrases

Indicate Location

above	in front of
across	inside
away from	near
below	off
beneath	on top of
beyond	outside
by	throughout
down	under

Indicate Location

above
across
away from
below
beneath
beyond
by
down
in front of
inside
near
off
on top of
outside
throughout
under

Emphasize

Transitional Words and Phrases

Emphasize

again
for this reason
in fact
indeed
truly

Emphasize

again
for this reason
in fact
indeed
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Specify Time

Transitional Words and Phrases

Specify Time

about	first
after	later
as soon as	next
before	second
during	soon
finally	then

Specify Time

about
after
as soon as
before
during
finally
first
later
next
second
soon
then

Compare

Transitional Words and Phrases

Compare

also
in the same way
likewise
similarly

Compare

also
in the same way
likewise
similarly

Contrast

Transitional Words and Phrases

Contrast

although
but
however
yet

Contrast

although
but
however
yet

Summarize

Transitional Words and Phrases

Summarize

all in all
as a result
in conclusion
therefore

Summarize

all in all
as a result
in conclusion
therefore

Clarify

Clarify

for instance
in other words
put another way
that is

Add Information

Transitional Words and Phrases

Add Information

in addition
for example
for instance
moreover

Add Information

in addition
for example
for instance
moreover