

TRANSITIONS

Words that can be used to show location:

above	behind	by	near	throughout
across	below	down	off	to the right
against	beneath	in back of	onto	under
along	beside	in front of	on top of	
among	between	inside	outside	
around	beyond	into	over	

Words that can be used to show time:

while	first	meanwhile	soon	then
after	second	today	later	next
at	third	tomorrow	afterward	as soon as
before	now	next week	about	when
during	until	yesterday	finally	suddenly

Words that can be used to compare two things:

likewise	as	while	in the same way
like	also	similarly	

Words that can be used to contrast things (show difference):

but	still	although	on the other hand
however	yet	otherwise	even though

Words that can be used to emphasize a point:

again	truly	especially	for this reason
to repeat	in fact	to emphasize	

Words that can be used to conclude or summarize:

finally	as a result	to sum up	in conclusion
lastly	therefore	all in all	because

Words that can be used to add information:

again	another	for instance	for example
also	and	moreover	additionally
as well	besides	along with	other
next	finally	in addition	

Words that can be used to clarify:

that is	for instance	in other words
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Structuring your Paragraph or Essay Achieving Coherence with Transitions

These are three general ways of organizing ideas: time order, space order and order of importance.

A. Time Order- or chronological order. From present to past or past to present.

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B. Space/Location Order- describing a person, thing or place from top to bottom, left to right, focusing on one element at a time or the relationship between these elements.

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C. Order of Importance-

In preparation for the SAT, many review books suggest saving your strongest argument for last. You may want to begin with the least important idea and bring toward a conclusion by saving the most important idea for last.

first	in fact	especially	above all
secondly	in particular	indeed	
thirdly	most importantly	surely	