

Transition Words and Phrases: Writing An Argument

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Transitions for Supporting a Claim

- One point that explains/shows/supports ...
- From the way the author writes...
- Another way/fact/important detail...
- A different example...
- This phrase/statement means/represents...
- This detail/quote supports...
- This shows/means/reveals that
- One implication is...
- Throughout the text/passage/excerpt/story/article...
- ____'s point is that...
- If we assume that this is true, then doesn't it suggest that...
- If we agree on that, then can't we also say that..."
- That statement supports...
- This evidence implies...
- If... then..

Transitions for Counterclaims

- I know some/they will argue that....
- A number of ____ suggest that...
- Some believe/feel that...
- Although some think...
- It is said that...
- I admit/agree/accept/realize that...
- While it may be true that...
- Many people assume
- I accept the fact that...
- Admittedly...
- Even though...
- Despite

Transitions for Rebuttals

- But...
- In contrast
- Let's take another look...
- However...
- On the other hand...
- Besides the fact that...
- Although...
- Instead of ...
- It can be argued that...
- I still maintain that...
- The real point to consider is...
- I want to suggest...
- The problem with that