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| Transition Words | Transition words are words that change from one state of being to another. |
| Transition Sentence | Transition sentences are sentences that indicate a change from one paragraph to another. |

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| Above all | Additionally / an additional | Along with | Also | Although |
| Alternatively | As well as that | At this time | Before | Clearly |
| Coincidently | Conversely | Definitely | Especially | Even so |
| First/firstly | First and foremost | Following | For example | Furthermore |
| However | In addition | In contrast (to) | Indeed | Last, but not least |
| Moreover | Nevertheless | On the other hand | Previously | Second/secondly |
| Subsequently | Undoubtedly | Unlike | Whereas | Without a doubt |

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| ThesisStatement | This sentence states what theentire essay is about. |  |
| Topic Sentenceor Claim | The topic sentence states what the paragraph is about. Sometimes, it is a claim, which states what the author wants to prove. |  |
| Evidence | Evidence is some form of data (i.e., statistics, quotes, etc.…) that supports the author’s claim. |  |
| Reasoning | Reasoning is the author’s explanation of HOW the evidence supports the claim. |  |
| Inference | An inference is a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning. |  |

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