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Showing time sequence: <i>use these transitions to arranging ideas in the order in which they occurred</i>	first later next finally eventually	subsequently
Example or Support: <i>use these transitions to tell the audience that you're about to use an example or support your point with evidence</i>	for example for instance such as in fact to demonstrate to illustrate	mainly most importantly like furthermore
Enumeration: <i>use these transitions to list each major point, or to suggest the order of importance (notice the root of "number" is in "enumeration")</i>	first second third (etc.) next another last or lastly	finally
Continuation: <i>use these transitions to show that the author is continuing on with the same idea and adding more info to it</i>	also in addition furthermore and another	
Showing similarity: <i>use these transitions to show how the previous idea is similar to the next one</i>	also and likewise moreover another	in the same way like too similarly
Showing Contrast: <i>use these to show that one is switching to a different, opposite, or contrasting idea than the one just discussed</i>	although however unlike yet but	on the other hand
Showing Cause and Effect: <i>use these transitions to show a connection between things</i>	as a result because consequently hence so	therefore thus for for this reason since
Summation: <i>use these transitions to signal that the writer is ending or stating the main point</i>	thus in short in brief indeed	

This list is a combination of two lists, one provided by Kate Kinsella, of San Francisco State University (7,99) and the other from the Holt Literature and Language Arts First Course textbook, page 688.