

Essay Paragraph Transitions

PURPOSE	TRANSITIONAL PHRASES
To clarify a sequence of events	first, second, third, next, finally, last
To show a similar relationship	similarly, in like manner, likewise
To point out a dissimilarity	in opposition to, in contrast to, on the other hand
To emphasize a point	indeed, in fact, surely, certainly
To show or point out a result	consequently, as a result, therefore, hence
To summarize a position	in summation, finally, in conclusion, in short
To illustrate a point	for example, by way of illustration, for instance
To contrast a position	on the other hand, however, but, yet, despite, although
To record time	gradually, later, eventually, immediately, at once, at this point, next

Improving Vocabulary for DBQ's: Using Synonyms for 'Said'

SYNONYM	DEFINITION
added	to embellish or enhance an argument
continued	to further an earlier point
stated	to say, usually confined to quotes or paraphrases from documents, or to official statements
announced	to declare publicly or formally
asserted	to state positively, with great confidence but no objective proof
commented	to make a remark to explain, interpret, or criticize
declared	to make known clearly and openly
observed	to mention casually
remarked	to make a brief, casual statement of opinion
reported	to give an account of; to carry a message; to give a formal statement

SYNONYM	DEFINITION
acknowledged	implies reluctant disclosure of something that might have been a secret
admitted	implies reluctance to disclose, grant, or concede and usually refers to facts
affirmed	implies deep conviction and unlikelihood of contradiction
alleged	to assert or declare, especially without proof
avowed	implies boldly declaring, often in the face of hostility
conceded	similar to acknowledge and admit
confessed	may apply to an admission of a weakness, failure, omission, or guilt
disclosed	to reveal something previously concealed
divulged	to reveal something that should have remained a secret, implies a breach of confidence
revealed	to make something known that had been secret or hidden

SYNONYM	DEFINITION
begged	to ask in a humble or earnest manner
demanded	to ask for boldly or urgently
implored	to ask with great fervor, implying desperation or great distress
insisted	to demand strongly, to declare firmly
pleaded	to answer a legal charge, to offer as an excuse or defense, to implore or beg

SYNONYM	DEFINITION
answered	to respond to a question
explained	to make an explanation
rejoined	to answer an objection
replied	to answer a question or comment
responded	to reply to a question or comment
retorted	to reply to a charge or criticism in a sharp, witty way
returned	to reply to a charge or criticism in a sharp, witty way; to answer an objection

SYNONYM	DEFINITION
contended	to argue or dispute
emphasized	to stress
exclaimed	to speak suddenly or vehemently
maintained	to assert, to support by argument, to affirm
proclaimed	to announce officially
proposed	to set forth a design or plan

SYNONYM	DEFINITION
hinted	implies slight or remote suggestion
implied	similar to suggest, but may indicate a more definite relation of the unexpressed to the expressed
insinuated	refers to conveying a usually unpleasant idea in a sly underhanded manner
intimated	stresses delicacy of suggestion
suggested	to propose as a possibility, to convey indirectly by putting an idea into the mind by association

SYNONYM	DEFINITION
barked	to speak or shout sharply
bellowed	to roar, to cry out loudly in anger or fear
cried	to call for help, to shout, to sob, to weep
croaked	to make a sound like a frog or raven, to talk dismally
declaimed	to speak in a pompous way or deliver a tirade
drawled	to speak in a way that prolongs the vowels
joked	to make a joke
mumbled	to utter inarticulate or almost inaudible sounds
muttered	to speak angry or discontented words in a low, indistinct voice
roared	to utter a loud, deep sound
scolded	to find fault with angrily
shouted	to make a loud cry or call
shrieked	to make a loud, piercing cry or sound
wailed	to express grief or pain through long, loud cries
whispered	to speak softly, especially to avoid being overheard

Improved Vocabulary for Comparative Essays

Descriptive Verbs	Compare	Contrast
Asserts	Agree	Conversely
Compliments	Also	Differently
Criticizes	As well	Disagree
Demonstrates	Both/all	However
Embraces	In addition	In contrast
Exemplifies	In common	None/either
Illustrates	In comparison	On the other hand
Indicates	Shares the view	Unlike
Portrays	Similarity	Whereas
Reflects	Too	Otherwise
Reveals	Similarly	Dissimilar
Signifies	Comparable	Distinct
Strengthens	Worthy of	Oppose
Symbolizes	Parallel	Variation
Undermines	Analogous Correlative Equal Corresponding Commensurable	Divergent Distinctive Contrary Disparity Peculiarly Although