Transitional Expressions

Use the following expressions to connect your thoughts to signal some type of relationship between them. Your essay should have several of these expressions “sprinkled” throughout.

❖ To show sequence or to add thoughts together:
   and, again, also, and then, besides, equally important, finally, first, further, furthermore, in addition, in the first place, last, moreover, next, second, still, too

❖ To give examples:
   for example, for instance, to illustrate, in fact, specifically, more specifically, after all, an illustration of, indeed, of course

❖ To compare:
   also, in the same way, likewise, similarly, in the same vein, too, furthermore

❖ To contrast:
   although, yet, but, but at the same time, despite, even so, even though, however, in contrast, in spite of, nevertheless, notwithstanding, on the contrary, on the other hand, regardless, still, though

❖ To show cause or effect:
   accordingly, as a result, because, consequently, for this purpose, hence, otherwise, since, then, therefore, thereupon, thus, to this end

❖ To indicate a logical relationship:
   If, so, therefore, consequently, thus, as a result, for this reason, since

❖ To indicate time:
   after, afterward, as long as, as soon as, at last, at length, at that time, before, earlier, formerly, immediately, in the meantime, in the past, lately, later, meanwhile, now, presently, shortly, simultaneously, since, so far, soon, subsequently, thereafter, until, when

❖ To show place or direction:
   Above, below, beyond, farther on, nearby, opposite, close, to the left/right, just passed

❖ To repeat, summarize, or conclude:
   all in all, altogether, in brief, in conclusion, in other words, in particular, in short, in simpler terms, in summary, on the whole, that is to say, therefore, to put it differently, to summarize, to conclude