Transitioning

Usually, there are 2 places where transitioning is used in an essay. The first is between paragraphs, when transitioning from one paragraph to the other. The second is within a paragraph, when relating similar ideas. Here are some common situations for transitions and examples of transitional phrases to use:

**Showing Time**
Ex. Soon, Afterwards, Later on, First (second, third), then, etc.

**Comparing**
Ex. In contrast, On the other hand, Conversely, Although, However, Nevertheless, etc.

**Giving an Example**
Ex. For instance, for example, To show, To illustrate, In this case, etc.

**To Refute/For an Exception**
Ex. Despite, Sometimes, In this case, Once in a while, However, etc.

**To Conclude**
Ex. Ultimately, In conclusion, To sum up, Altogether, All in all, In summary, etc.

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