

Writing Navigational Tools



Phrases



Introductory Phrases

In my opinion
I believe
It is my belief that

There is no doubt that
From my point of view
It seems to me that

I question whether
I (dis)agree with
I maintain that

Concluding Phrases

For the reasons above
As you can see
As I have noted
In other words
Consequently
On the whole
The information given above

To sum up
To be sure
Without a doubt
In summation
In summary
Unquestionably

In short
Undoubtedly
In conclusion
Obviously
Finally
Summarizing

In brief
In any event
In any case
Concluding
Therefore

Supporting Opinions

First
Second
Third
Likewise
Last

Furthermore
In addition
Also
Moreover

Equally important
In the first place
Similarly
Further

Besides
Next
Finally
Again

Introducing Details

For example
In fact

For instance
As Evidence

In support of this

Connective

after
because
but
if

since
unless
when
yet

and
before
for
or
so
until
while

Sequence

After
Finally
Soon
Before
Meanwhile
When
As soon as

earlier
second
at the same time
later
until
simultaneously
at the time

next
at least
immediately
thereafter
last
subsequently
during

afterwards
first
then
before long
then
while

More Phrases



Cause and Effect

Since
Because of
Due to
For the reason
Therefore
If...then
Thus
Caused by

Caused by
This results in
Consequently
Accordingly
As a result of
Leads to
So
When

In effect
Brought about
Made possible
As might be experienced
Give rise to
Was responsible for
Because
Whenever

Compare and Contrast

Similarly
Whether or not
Have in common
Contrasting
On the other hand
Nevertheless
Conversely
In contrast

Likewise
Compared to
Even though
All are
On the contrary
Although
In spite of

As well as
In the same way
In like manner
Rather than
The same as
As opposed to
Contrasted with

Countering

I realize you
I understand you
even though you
although you
some people
it may be that you
your idea to-deserves
some merit
nevertheless

believe
feel
maintain
want
favor
support
argue
state

but
yet
however
I doubt
I question
let me explain
on the other hand
on the contrary

Positions

above
across
against
at a distance
base
behind
below
beneath
beside
bottom
close

crest
down
exterior
far
foot
halfway
in back of
in front of
interior
leading to
near

next to
peak
summit
to (on) the left
to (on) the right
top
under
underneath
up
upward

Prepositions



aboard
according to
against
alongside
at
behind
beside
by
down
for
in addition
in front of
inside
like
of
on top of
over
through
to
under
up
within

about
across
along
among
because of
below
between
concerning
during
from
in behalf of
in regard to
instead of
near
off
out of
past
throughout
together
underneath
upon
without

above
after
along with
around
before
beneath
beyond
despite
except
in
in case of
in spite of
into
next to
on
outside
since
till
toward
until
with

Transitions



in addition
moreover
next
and
again
furthermore
besides
finally
similarly
likewise
equally
yet
but
though
although
however
nevertheless
otherwise
instead of
neither
for instance
specifically
once
then
now
today
at length
thereupon
as a result
to sum up
to summarize
in brief
on the whole
in short
as I have stated
in other words
finally

soon
while
underneath
above
between
farther
below
across from
as though
as if
unfortunately
so that
therefore
thus
accordingly
consequently
hence
provided that
whereas
unless
in the same manner
on the contrary
in spite of
on the other hand
to begin with
as a result
also
that is
that is to say
to be sure
as has been noted
in face
indeed
to tell the truth
in any event
meanwhile
immediately

further
equally important
first
second
third
in the first place
in the second place
last
to begin with
first of all
secondly
to conclude
finally
in like manner
by comparison
in comparison to
compared with
differing from
notwithstanding
even though
at the same time
away from
beyond
nearby
opposite to
close to
adjacent to
on the opposite side
in close proximity
to this end
for the reason
with the object in mind
soon after
after
afterwards
in the meantime
later

Connectives



Connectives For Descriptive Writing

above	beyond	on the left
across	further	on the right
adjacent	here	opposite to
also	in the distance	to the left
before me	near by	to the right
below	next to	

Connectives for Explanatory Writing

also	for example	on the other hand
another	for instance	otherwise
as a result of	for the purpose	second
at last	furthermore	similarly
consequently	likewise	such
finally	next	then
first	on the contrary	thus

Connectives for Argumentative Writing

accordingly	for example	on the contrary
again	for instance	on the other hand
although	furthermore	otherwise
another	hence	second
as a result	if this be true	such
at the same time	in addition	then too
besides	in fact	therefore
consequently	in short	thus
equally important	moreover	to sum up
finally	nevertheless	whereas
first		

Sight Words



Appearance

dotted	rotted	packed	energetic
freckled	old	bruised	animated
spotted	used	tied	perky
blotched	worn	stretched	arrogant
wrinkled	untidy	tall	imposing
patterned	shabby	erect	regal
mottled	messy	lean	stately
flowery	cheap	slender	elegant
striped	ugly	supple	large
bright	ramshackle	lithe	huge
clear	tired	lively	immense
shiny	exhausted	muscular	massive
gloving	arid	sturdy	gigantic
glossy	awkward	robust	showy
shimmering	crooked	hardy	decorative
fluid	loose	strong	dazzling
sparkling	curved	healthy	opulent
iridescent	straight	frail	jeweled
glassy	orderly	fragile	lavish
flashy	formal	pale	exotic
glazed	crisp	sickly	radiant
sheer	pretty	small	fiery
transparent	heavy	tiny	blazing
translucent	flat	miniature	fresh
opaque	stout	timid	clean
muddy	wide	shy	scrubbed
grimy	rigid	nervous	tidy
dingy	narrow	frightened	handsome
drab	overloaded	wild	pleasant
dingy	congested	bold	calm
dull	cluttered	dramatic	serene
dark	crowded	tantalizing	
dismal	jammed	irresistible	

More Sight Words



Fast Movements

hurry	run	scamper	skip	scramble
dart	spring	spin	sprint	stride
streak	propel	trot	gallop	drive
dash	bolt	careen	rush	race
zoom	zip	ram	speed	chase
hurt	swat	flick	whisk	rip
shove	swerve	smash	drop	plummet
bounce	dive	swoop	plunge	swing
fly	sail			

Slow Movements

creep	crawl	plod	slouch	lumber
tiptoe	bend	amble	saunter	loiter
stray	slink	stalk	edge	sneak
stagger	lope	canter	waddle	drag
sway	soar	lift	drift	droop
heave				

Shapes

flat	round	domed	curved	wavy
globular	scalloped	ruffled	frilled	crimped
crinkled	flared	oval	conical	cylindrical
tubular	hollow	rotund	chubby	portly
fat	swollen	lumpy	clustered	padded
tufted	top-heavy	pendulous	jutting	irregular
proportioned	angular	triangular	rectangular	tapering
hexagonal	octagonal	square	pyramidal	spindly
branching	twiggy	split	broken	winged
skinny	thin	wiry	shapely	
shapeless				

Sounds



Loud Sounds

crash	thud	bump	thump	boom
thunder	bang	smash	explode	roar
scream	screech	shout	yell	whistle
whine	squawk	bark	bawl	bray
bluster	rage	blare	rumble	grate
slam	clap	stomp	stamp	noise
discord	jangle	rasp	clash	clamor
tumult	riot	racket	brawl	bedlam
pandemonium	hubbub	blatant	deafening	raucous
earsplitting	piercing	rowdy	disorderly	

Soft Sounds

sigh	murmur	whisper	whir	rustle
titter	patter	hum	mutter	snap
hiss	crackle	bleat	peep	buzz
zing	gurgle	swish	rush	chime
tinkle	clink	hush	still	speechless
mute	faint	inaudible	melody	resonance
harmony	musical			

Speech Sounds

stutter	stammer	giggle	guffaw	laugh
sing	yell	scream	screech	snort
bellow	growl	chatter	murmur	whisper
whimper	talk	speak	drawl	

Colors



Red

pink	salmon	rose	coral	raspberry
strawberry	cherry	crimson	cardinal	vermilion
ruby	garnet	wine	maroon	burgundy

Blue

sky	sapphire	azure	porcelain	turquoise
aquamarine	violet	peacock	cobalt	
royal	navy	steel		

Yellow

beige	buff	peach	apricot	butter
buttercup	lemon	canary	chrome	gold
topaz	ochre	sulphur	mustard	butterscotch
orange	tangerine	persimmon		

Green

celery	mint	apple	lime	kelly
emerald	olive	pistachio	chartreuse	

White

snow	milky	marble	cream	ivory
oyster	silver	platinum		

Purple

lavender	lilac	orchid	mauve	plum
mulberry	magenta			

Black

jet	ebony	licorice		
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Gray

ashen	dove	steel		
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Brown

sandy	almond	amber	tawny	hazel
cinnamon	nutmeg	chocolate	coffee	copper
rust	ginger	bronze	walnut	mahogany

Other Words



"Dead" Words

thing	very	great	nice	just
fun	stuff	everything	a lot	got

Adverbs Not Ending in -ly

already	there	then	sometimes	together
over	out	well	rather	fast
here	late	too	away	far
most	tomorrow	today	yesterday	nearby
now	never	not	often	quite
soon				

Substitutes for "Very"

intensely	bitterly	exceedingly	surely	especially
unusually	truly	richly	mightily	powerfully
extremely	indefinitely	chiefly	immeasurably	infinitely
severely	fully	incredibly		

Sentences Starters (sometimes)

after	although	as	as if	before
because	if	since	so	that
then	though	unless	until	when
where	while			

Sensory Words



Touch Words

cool	slippery	silky	gritty	cold
spongy	satiny	sandy	icy	mushy
velvety	rough	lukewarm	oily	smooth
sharp	tepid	waxy	soft	thick
warm	fleshy	woolly	pulpy	hot
rubbery	furry	dry	steamy	tough
feathery	dull	sticky	crisp	fuzzy
thin	damp	elastic	hairy	fragile
wet	leathery	prickly	tender	

Taste Words

oily	sugary	tangy	gingery	buttery
crisp	unripe	hot	salty	ripe
raw	burnt	bitter	bland	alkaline
overripe	bittersweet	tasteless	medicinal	spoiled
sweet	sour	fishy	rotten	heartly
vinegary	spicy	mellow	fruity	peppery

Smell Words

sweet	odorous	acid	stagnant	scented
pungent	burnt	moldy	fragrant	tempting
gaseous	musty	aromatic	spicy	reeking
mildewed	perfumed	savory	putrid	damp
heady	sharp	rotten	dank	fresh
gamy	spoiled	stench	balmy	fishy
sour	earthy	briny	rancid	piney
acidy	sickly			