

SAT Transitions for ESL Students

above all — most importantly — Above all, be kind to others.
accordingly — because of that — It was raining. So, accordingly, we stayed inside.
admittedly — I agree this is true — Admittedly, the test was difficult.
afterward — later — We ate dinner and afterward we watched a movie.
all in all — considering everything — All in all, it was a good trip.
also — too — I like coffee. I also like tea.
although — even if — Although it was cold, we went outside.
as a result — because of this — He studied hard and as a result he passed.
at the same time — while this is true — She works hard, at the same time, she has fun.

because — for this reason — I stayed home because I was sick.
besides — also — Besides English, she studies Japanese.
but — however — I wanted to go, but I was busy.
by the same token — in the same way — He works hard. By the same token, his brother does too.
consequently — because of that — The road was closed. Consequently, we took another route.
conversely — in the opposite way — Cats like being alone. Conversely, dogs enjoy company.
even though — despite this — Even though it rained, we played football.

finally — last — Finally, we arrived at the hotel.
first — number one — First, wash your hands.
for example — one example is — Many fruits are healthy. For example, apples are great.
for instance — one example is — Some countries are islands. For instance, Japan is an island.
furthermore — also — The food was delicious. Furthermore, it was a good price.
granted — this is true, but — Granted, the ticket was expensive, but the show was excellent.
hence — therefore — She missed the bus; hence, she was late.
however — but — I wanted to buy it. However, it was too expensive.

in addition — also — In addition to English, he studies Chinese.
in conclusion — to finish — In conclusion, exercise is good for health.
in fact — actually — Many people think it is difficult. In fact, it is quite easy.
in particular — especially — I enjoy Asian food, in particular Thai food.
in short — briefly — In short, we need a better plan.
in the same way — similarly — Birds use wings. In the same way, airplanes use wings to fly.
indeed — really — The movie was indeed very interesting.
instead — as an alternative — I walked instead of taking a taxi.

just as — in the same way — Just as exercise helps the body, reading helps the mind.
likewise — similarly — I enjoy traveling. Likewise, my sister loves it.
moreover — also — The hotel was comfortable. Moreover, it was near the beach.
most importantly — the key point — Most importantly, stay safe.
namely — specifically — Two countries were visited, namely Thailand and Japan.
nevertheless — despite that — It was expensive. Nevertheless, I bought it.
next — after that — Next, add the sugar.

of course — naturally — Of course, you can ask questions.
on the other hand — looking at the opposite side — Living in a city is exciting. On the other hand, it can be noisy.
on the whole — generally — On the whole, students enjoyed the class.

overall — generally — Overall, the project was successful.
 previously — before — Previously, she worked in Bangkok.
 rather — instead — I stayed home rather than go out.

second — number two — Second, open the book.
 similarly — in the same way — Tom likes football. Similarly, Jack enjoys it.
 since — because — Since it was late, we went home.
 specifically — exactly — I like Asian food, specifically Japanese food.
 still — despite that — The task was difficult. Still, she completed it.
 subsequently — later — He graduated. Subsequently, he found a job.
 such as — for example — I enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking.

then — after that — Finish your homework. Then, you can play games.
 therefore — because of that — The shop was closed. Therefore, we went elsewhere.
 thus — therefore — He practiced every day. Thus, he improved quickly.
 to sum up — in summary — To sum up, the trip was enjoyable.
 what's more — also — The food was tasty. What's more, it was cheap.
 without a doubt — certainly — Without a doubt, she is a talented singer.
 yet — but — He is young, yet very responsible.

Cause / Effect

- therefore
- thus
- consequently
- as a result
- hence
- accordingly
- because
- since

Addition

- moreover
- furthermore
- in addition
- also
- besides
- what's more

Contrast / Opposition

- however
- although
- but
- yet
- instead
- nevertheless
- at the same time

- on the other hand
- conversely
- rather
- still

Support / Similarity

- similarly
- likewise
- in the same way
- by the same token
- just as

Examples / Illustration

- for example
- for instance
- such as
- namely
- specifically
- in particular

Concession / Qualification

- admittedly
- of course
- granted
- although
- even though

Conclusion / Summary

- in conclusion
- to sum up
- in short
- overall
- all in all
- on the whole

Emphasis

- indeed
- in fact
- above all
- most importantly
- without a doubt

Sequence / Order

- first
- second
- next
- then
- finally
- afterward
- subsequently
- previously