**Diametrically opposed**

**The reverse of**

**In reverseorder**

**Divergent**

**Diverse**

**In conflict with**

**There are So Many Words and Phrases**

**To Help us Connect our Ideas**

**and Transition from One Idea to the Next!**

**Transition words (connective words) connect ideas and sentences together and provide that continuous line of thought from one paragraph to another. Conjunctions like “and,” “but,” “for,” “nor,” and “yet” are all words that connect our thoughts. However, words such as "however," "in addition,” “moreover,” “although," "because," and "on the other hand" are also words that connect our thoughts. All of these words and phrases are classified as transition (connective) words and phrases.**

**Sometimes a transition word or phrase will be located in the last sentence of a paragraph to tie it in with the first sentence of the next paragraph. More often, we see transition words and phrases located at the beginning of a paragraph in order to connect the thought presented in that paragraph with the thought presented in the preceding paragraph.**

**Transition words and phrases are crucial for any good paper, essay or story and yet, too oftentimes, our students haven’t the foggiest clue why they should learn transition words or how they can utilize transition words to vastly improve their writing. In fact, when middle school students are asked if they know how to use transition words, they oftentimes answer with a statement such as: “What’s the difference between a conjunction and a transition word? They all connect stuff, don’t they?”**

**All conjunctions are transition (connective) words; however, not all transition words are conjunctions. In fact, transition (connective) words include many**

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**many, many words and phrases that do far more than just our basic conjunctions. Transition words and phrases can change the plot of a story, the direction of an idea and the flow of an essay. Conjunctions are basic connective words that transition from one idea to the next idea within a sentence. However, we can say that more complex transitional words and phrases can help us connect ideas from one paragraph onto another paragraph.**

**Too many budding authors sound redundant in their writing because they get “stuck” using the same transition words over and over and over again. By learning to vary transition words and phrases at the beginning of new paragraphs, students can open up a whole new realm of personal writing skills**

**Transition word skills need to be improved at all levels of education including college level. Many students of all ages learn to use conjunctions. That is apparent by how easily our students can write run-on sentences using conjunction after conjunction after conjunction. The problem exists with teaching students that the basic conjunctions are just one type of transitional (connective) word; that connective words, especially connective words and phrases at the beginning of paragraphs, can change the entire flow and rhythm of an essay, story, or speech.**

**It is interesting that far too many college students do not have the slightest idea how to connect together the ideas in their paragraphs by using appropriate transition (connective) words at the beginning of their paragraphs. Oh my! How much more smoothly an essay could read if children and college students learned how to use appropriate transition words to connect together the ideas they present in their paragraphs.   
  
Therefore, in the interest of helping parents and teachers teach their students to recognize and use transition (connective) words within their sentences and specifically at the beginning of their paragraphs, Candy 4WAY Phonics has supplied the following HUGE list of transitional (connective) words and phrases.**

**You’ll also find a separate file included with our Connective Word Package that supplies you with 621 different ways to say “he (she) said.” After all, “he said” and “she said” can be so boring!**

**Have fun connecting and transitioning!**

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**SECTION ONE - BASIC, MOST USED, SIMPLE CONNECTIVES**

**(a through e)**

1. **Use these to Start a Line of Thought**

admittedly

assuredly

at this level

certainly

generally speaking

granted

in general

in this situation

no doubt

nobody denies

obviously

of course

to be sure

true

undoubtedly

unquestionably

1. **Use these to Change Your Reasoning**

but

however

moreover

nevertheless

on the contrary

on the other hand

yet

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1. **Use these to Continue Your Thoughts**

additionally

also

and

because

besides that

clearly, then

consequently

following this further

furthermore

in addition

in other words

in the light of the… it is easy to see that

in the same way

moreover

point in fact

pursuing this further

specifically

1. **Use these to Sum Up Your Thoughts**

finally

hence

in conclusion

in final analysis

in final consideration

indeed

lastly

therefore

this

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1. **Use to Establish Chronological Order:**

after

afterwards

as soon as

at first

at last

basically… similarly… as well

before

before long

finally

first… second… third

first… second… third…

generally… furthermore… finally

in the first place

in the first place… also… lastly

in the first place… just in the same way… finally

in the first place… pursuing this further… finally

in the meantime

later

meanwhile

next

soon

then

to be sure… additionally… lastly

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**SECTION TWO - Connectives that Add Information**

**after**

**after a few days**

**after a long time**

**after a short time**

**after a while**

**afterward**

**all the while**

**at present**

**at the same time**

**at this moment**

**away**

**before**

**by now**

**concurrently**

**currently**

**during**

**earlier**

**following**

**following that**

**former**

**henceforth**

**hereafter**

**heretofore**

**immediately**

**in retrospect**

**in the future**

**in the past**

**later**

**later on**

**not long after**

**not long ago**

**now**

**of late**

**past**

**preceding**

**present**

**presently**

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**previously**

**prior to**

**recently**

**right**

**right after**

**sequentially**

**simultaneously**

**soon after**

**soon afterward**

**thereafter**

**today**

**tomorrow**

**until**

**until now**

**yesterday**

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**SECTION THREE - Connectives that Lead to Examples**

**a case in point**

**a sampling**

**a the same time**

**an analogy**

**analogous to**

**another way**

**as an example**

**as an illustration of**

**by way of illustration**

**consider as an illustration**

**for example**

**for instance**

**for one thing**

**in fact**

**in order to clarify**

**in other words**

**in particular**

**in the following manner**

**in the same manner**

**in this case**

**in this instance**

**in this instance**

**incidentally**

**indeed**

**more exactly**

**more particularly**

**more specifically**

**namely**

**one example**

**one sample**

**specifically**

**such as**

**suppose that**

**that is**

**thus**

**to be exact**

**to be specific**

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**to bring to light**

**to cite a reference**

**to clarify**

**to demonstrate**

**to exemplify**

**to explain**

**to illuminate**

**to illustrate**

**to put it another way**

**to show**

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**SECTION FOUR - Connectives that Categorize (divide or classify)**

**a part (a second part)**

**all in all**

**along**

**along that same**

**along those lines**

**along with that**

**altogether**

**another**

**another category**

**another class**

**another example**

**another grouping**

**another point**

**another type**

**at length**

**branch**

**branching further on**

**branching further out we see**

**branching out a little ways further**

**branching out on that**

**to branch out**

**to branch out further**

**common traits (uncommon traits)**

**completely**

**distinct from**

**entirely**

**altogether**

**completely**

**entirely**

**entirely separate is (entirely separate would be)**

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**entirely to blame is (was)**

**entirely, without exception**

**entirely, without reservation**

**exclusively**

**fully**

**solely**

**wholly**

**without reservation**

**first**

**first step**

**first steps first**

**first steps of**

**first things first**

**fully**

**all in all**

**all together**

**entirely**

**fully without**

**through and through**

**utterly**

**wholly**

**in**

**in a different light**

**in a different setting**

**in considering that (this)**

**in retrospect**

**in the same group**

**in this category**

**in whole**

**last**

**last of all (lastly)**

**multifaceted**

**multilevel (example: Multilevel models are. . . )**

**multistage**

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**one**

**one clue**

**one element**

**one genus**

**one of the**

**one part**

**one piece**

**part**

**part of**

**partly**

**partly because of**

**quite**

**quite contrary to**

**quite relative is**

**quite relative to**

**second**

**second segment**

**second to none**

**section**

**sectioning**

**segment**

**by segmenting**

**one segment would be**

**segmentation is**

**segmenting**

**segmenting further**

**separate (separating)**

**by separating**

**one separate \_\_\_\_\_\_ would be**

**one separation**

**separated from**

**separating this further**

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**subdivide**

**subdividing**

**subdividing a**

**subdividing this**

**subdividing your**

**the**

**the absolute best**

**the complete**

**the elements of**

**the entire**

**the first thing**

**the last process**

**the last thing**

**the main**

**the multiple**

**the next**

**the point is**

**the second charactersitic**

**the second section**

**the single**

**the whole**

**the whole key is**

**third**

**third division**

**third segment**

**to classify**

**to divide**

**to divide further**

**to group**

**to integrate**

**to segregate**

**to separate**

**to split**

**together (with)**

**together, they**

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**together, we can**

**unit (one unit; two units etc.)**

**unit division is**

**wholly**

**altogether**

**completely**

**entirely**

**fully**

**quite**

**with this arrangement**

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**SECTION FIVE - Connectives that show Cause and Effect**

**accordingly**

**after**

**as a consequence**

**because**

**because of**

**because of this**

**by reason of**

**by the way**

**cause**

**caused by**

**consequences**

**consequentially**

**consequently**

**the consequences of**

**the resulting consequences are**

**behavior should bring consequences**

**created**

**due to**

**effect**

**eventually**

**following that**

**reason**

**reasoning further**

**there are reasons for**

**for these reasons (for this reason)**

**the reasons were clear**

**the reasons behind his actions were**

**for this purpose**

**further**

**furthermore**

**generated**

**gradually**

**hence**

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**henceforth**

**impact**

**in**

**in effect**

**in fact**

**in short**

**in view of**

**incidentally**

**induced**

**initiated**

**it follows that**

**launched**

**little by little**

**made**

**of course**

**on account of**

**on this account**

**otherwise**

**owing to**

**precipitated**

**produced**

**reason**

**result:**

**as a result (of)**

**resulted in**

**results are (in)**

**results are everything**

**results are proof**

**the results of this**

**typical results are**

**when we view the results of**

**since**

**so**

**started**

**subsequently**

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**the**

**just the fact that this**

**the aftermath**

**the by-product of**

**the end product**

**the end result**

**the fact is**

**the fact of the matter is**

**the fact that this**

**the obvious reasoning behind this is**

**the obvious reasons for**

**the outcome**

**the outgrowth**

**the ramifications of**

**then**

**therefore**

**thererafter**

**thereupon**

**thus to this end**

**with this object**

**yielded**

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**SECTION SIX - Connectives that Compare**

**a comparable aspect**

**a strong resemblance**

**affinity for**

**affinity with**

**akin to**

**all in all**

**also**

**all the same**

**analogous to**

**another similarity**

**as**

**as compared with**

**as well as**

**assorted (used as an adjective0**

**assorted variables**

**at the same time**

**balance is**

**balance was**

**balance must be**

**by the same token**

**coincidently**

**comparable**

**comparatively**

**comparatively speaking**

**compare that with**

**conform or**

**conforming with**

**consistent (used as an adjective)**

**consistent with**

**correlating with**

**correspondingly**

**diverse (used as an adjective)**

**diversity is**

**diversity was**

**equating that with**

**equating this with**

**equal (to)**

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**equal with**

**equally**

**equally important**

**equivalent (used an an adjective)**

**equivalent to**

**equivalent with**

**exactly**

**harmonization is**

**harmonization with**

**homogeneous**

**identical (used as an adjective)**

**identical to**

**identical with**

**identically**

**in a similar fashion**

**in comparison**

**in like manner**

**in much the same way**

**in relation to**

**in the same way**

**in the samne manner**

**just the same**

**like**

**likely**

**likewise**

**liken (likened)**

**likeness**

**look like**

**match this with**

**match that with**

**matching**

**mixed (used as an adjective)**

**mixed signals can**

**of little difference**

**of no difference**

**parallel (used as an adjective)**

**parallel to**

**paralleling**

**relate to**

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**relative to**

**relatively**

**resemblance**

**resemble**

**resembling**

**same as**

**similar to**

**similarity**

**similarly**

**standardized (used as an adjective)**

**synonymous with**

**the next likeness**

**to the same extent**

**too**

**uniform**

**uniformly**

**uniformly speaking**

**varied (used as an adjective)**

**various (used as an adjective)**

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**SECTION SEVEN - Connectives that Contrast**

**a clear difference**

**a dissimilarity**

**a distinct difference**

**a distinctive**

**a striking difference**

**a strong distinction**

**after all**

**against**

**although**

**although this may be true**

**although true**

**an opposing view**

**an unlikeness**

**and yet**

**another distinction**

**at the same time**

**but (but at the same time)**

**contradictory**

**contrarily**

**contrary to**

**conversely**

**counter to**

**despite**

**despite this fact**

**diametrically opposed**

**different from**

**disproportionately**

**dissimilar to**

**distinct from**

**distinct is**

**divergent (used as an adjective)**

**diverse (used as an adjective)**

**even so**

**even though**

**farther**

**faster**

**for all that**

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**further**

**however**

**in another way**

**in conflict with**

**in contrast**

**in contrast to this**

**in one way**

**in oposition to**

**in reverse order**

**in sharp contrast**

**in spite of**

**instead**

**unlike**

**unlike any other**

**unlike this**

**larger**

**less**

**more**

**more to the point**

**nevertheless**

**nonetheless**

**notwithstanding**

**on one hand**

**on the contrary**

**on the other hand**

**opposing**

**opposite**

**otherwise**

**rather**

**slower**

**smaller**

**still**

**still another (still yet) (still yet another)**

**the antithesis of**

**the next variation**

**the reverse of**

**the thrid distinction**

**though**

**to contradict**

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**to counter**

**to differ**

**to differ from**

**to differentiate**

**to oppose**

**to the contrary**

**unbalanced**

**unequal**

**unequally**

**unequivocally**

**unique**

**versus (v., vs.)**

**yet**

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**SECTION EIGHT - Connectives that Emphasize or Intensify**

**above all**

**after all**

**indeed**

**in fact**

**as a matter of fact**

**primarily**

**chiefly**

**notably**

**actually**

**especially**

**secondarily**

**more important**

**more importantly**

**even more important**

**most important of all**

**most of all**

**increasingly important**

**equally**

**equally important**

**instead**

**moreover**

**furthermore**

**considerably**

**more**

**significantly**

**the most significant**

**of great (ernest) concern**

**usgent**

**urgently**

**increasingly**

**more (more and more)**

**incrementally**

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**of major interest**

**notably**

**noteworthy**

**the chief characteristic**

**the most dramatic**

**the major point (the major reason)**

**the main problem (the main issue)**

**the most necessary**

**extremely**

**the utmost**

**exceedingly**

**overwhelmingly**

**repeatedly**

**to repeat**

**to recapitulate**

**to emphasize**

**more emphatically**

**of great consequence (of greater consequence)**

**of similar consequence**

**to accentuate**

**to underscore**

**to greatly underscore**

**to amplify**

**to enlarge**

**to highlight**

**to stress**

**strikingly**

**definitely**

**decidedly**

**by all means**

**unequivocally**

**you can be sure**

**undoubtedly**

**without doubt (without a doubt)**

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**doubtlessly**

**indubitably**

**certainly**

**absolutely**

**positively**

**surely (to be sure)**

**of course**

**nonetheless**

**without fall**

**obviously**

**naturally**

**truly**

**verily**

**in truth**

**very likely**

**assuredly**

**to culminate**

**the culmination**

**the acme**

**the peak**

**the apex**

**the apogee**

**the crux**

**the climax of**

**the ipitome**

**climactically**

**intensifying**

**to enlrge upon**

**to add to that**

**yes**

**without question**

**unquestionably**

**there is no question that**

**not the least of which**

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**SECTION NINE - Connectives that answer How? or When?**

**abruptly**

**all at once**

**all of the time**

**always**

**as long as**

**as soon as**

**at length**

**at that time (at the same time)**

**at times**

**concurrently**

**continually**

**cyclically**

**directly**

**eventually**

**every time**

**frequently**

**generally**

**gradually**

**immediately**

**in a while**

**in an instant**

**in the meantime**

**infrequently**

**instantaneously**

**instantly**

**intermittently**

**just then**

**leaving out**

**little by little**

**meanwhile**

**momentarily**

**never**

**not at all**

**occasionally**

**often**

**oftentimes**

**periodically**

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**promptly**

**quickly**

**rarely**

**repeatedly**

**scarcely**

**seldom**

**sequentially**

**simultaneously**

**slowly**

**some of the time**

**sometimes**

**soon**

**sporadically**

**suddenly**

**temporarily**

**this instant**

**to the exclusion of**

**to the exclusion of all others**

**uncommonly**

**usually**

**when**

**while**

**without exception**

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**SECTION TEN – Connectives that explain In What Order?**

**after**

**after a few days**

**after a long time**

**after a short**

**afterward**

**all the while**

**at present**

**at the same time**

**at this moment**

**away**

**before**

**by now**

**concurrently**

**currently**

**during**

**earlier**

**following**

**following that**

**former**

**formerly**

**henceforth**

**hereafter**

**heretofore**

**immediately**

**in retrospect**

**in the future**

**in the past**

**later (on)**

**not long after**

**not long ago**

**now**

**of late**

**past**

**preciding**

**present**

**presently**

**previously**

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**prior to**

**recently**

**right**

**right after**

**sequentially**

**simultaneously**

**soon after**

**soon afterward**

**subsequently**

**thereafter**

**time after a while**

**today**

**tomorrow**

**until**

**until now**

**yesterday**

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**SECTION ELEVEN - Connectives that show one of the following:**

**the Position of Objects (spatial)**

**the Space Between Objects or**

**the Shape and Size of Objects**

**above**

**abutting**

**across**

**adjacent to**

**adjoining**

**after**

**against**

**against the side**

**ahead of**

**along**

**alongside**

**amid**

**amidst**

**among**

**anterior**

**anywhere**

**around**

**at a tangent**

**at midpoint**

**at the base of**

**at the corner**

**at the edge**

**at the end**

**at the midpoint**

**at the top (atop)**

**behind**

**below**

**beneath**

**beside**

**between**

**beyond**

**bordering**

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**bottom**

**by**

**by the**

**circling**

**circular**

**close**

**close by**

**close to**

**close together**

**closest**

**contiguous**

**diagonally**

**down**

**down from**

**downward**

**elsewhere**

**encircling**

**everywhere**

**exterior**

**facing**

**far**

**far apart**

**far away**

**far from**

**farther**

**farthest**

**further (back)**

**furtherest**

**halfway**

**here**

**high**

**higher**

**highest**

**horizontal to**

**horizontally**

**in between**

**in front**

**in out**

**in the center**

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**in the corner**

**in the distance**

**in the foreground**

**in the middle**

**inner**

**innermost**

**inside**

**interior**

**in the background**

**inward**

**joining**

**just past**

**juxtaposed**

**left-hand**

**level with**

**low**

**midway**

**near (near the bottom)**

**nearby**

**nearest**

**neighborning**

**next to**

**off to the**

**on**

**on all sides**

**on the right**

**on this side**

**on top of**

**on one side**

**on the bottom of**

**on the left**

**on the opposite side**

**on the other side**

**opposite to**

**outer**

**outermost**

**outside**

**outward**

**over**

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**overhead**

**parallel to**

**paralleling**

**past**

**perpendicular to**

**posterior**

**remotest**

**right-hand**

**side by side**

**straight ahead**

**surrounding**

**tangentially**

**there**

**thereabouts**

**through**

**throughout**

**to the back**

**to the east**

**to the left**

**to the right**

**to the west**

**top**

**toward**

**toward the back**

**under**

**underneath**

**underside**

**up**

**upon**

**upper**

**upward**

**vertical to**

**vertically**

**wherever**

**within**

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**SECTION TWELVE - Connectives that show Repetition**

**a repetition of**

**a summation of**

**accordingly**

**again**

**again and again**

**all in all**

**altogether**

**as noted**

**as stated**

**in brief**

**in effect**

**in fact**

**in other words**

**in particular**

**in retrospect**

**in short**

**in simpler terms**

**in summary**

**in view of**

**once again**

**once more**

**onthe whole**

**over and over**

**repeatedly**

**repetitiously**

**repetitively**

**simply stated**

**that is**

**that is to say**

**to clarify**

**to echo**

**to explain**

**to outline**

**to paraphrase**

**to put it differently**

**to recapitulate**

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**to reconsider**

**to recount**

**to reecho**

**to reevaluate**

**to reexamine**

**to refresh**

**to reiterate**

**to repeat**

**to rephrase**

**to restate**

**to retell**

**to rethink**

**to retrace**

**to review**

**to reword**

**to summarize**

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**SECTION THIRTEEN - Connectives that Declare One’s Stance (concede)**

**admittedly**

**after all**

**albeit**

**although**

**although this may be true**

**at the same time**

**even though**

**granted (that)**

**honestly,**

**naturally**

**no doubt**

**of course**

**though**

**to accede**

**to accommodate**

**to acknowledge**

**to acknowledge defeat**

**to acquiesce**

**to adjust**

**to admit**

**to admit the truth**

**to agree**

**to be honest,**

**to be truthful,**

**to capitulate**

**to comply with**

**to compromise**

**to concede**

**to concur**

**to confess**

**to conform**

**to consent**

**to give up**

**to make a concession**

**to reconcile**

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**to settle**

**to submit**

**to succumb**

**to surrender**

**to withdraw**

**to yield**

**truthfully,**

**unfortunately**

**while it is true**

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**SECTION FOURTEEN - Connectives that Summarize**

**accordingly**

**all in all**

**as a consequence of**

**as a result**

**as a summation**

**consequently**

**finally**

**hence**

**in brief**

**in closing**

**in other words**

**in short**

**in sum**

**in summary**

**in the final evaluation**

**last**

**last of all**

**lastly**

**the completion of**

**the consequence**

**the culmination of**

**the end result**

**the final**

**the final outcome**

**the outcome**

**therefore**

**thus**

**to bring to an end**

**to close**

**to complete**

**to conclude**

**to conclusion**

**to culminate**

**to end**

**to finalize**

**to finish**

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**to recapitulate**

**to sum up**

**to summarize**

**to terminate**

**ultimately**

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**SECTION FIFTEEN - Connectives that tell Time**

**abruptly**

**all at once**

**all of the time**

**always**

**as long as**

**as soon as**

**at length**

**at that time**

**at the same time**

**at times**

**concurrently**

**continually**

**cyclically**

**directly**

**eventually**

**every time**

**frequently**

**generally**

**gradually**

**immediately**

**in an instant**

**in the meantime**

**ina while**

**infrequently**

**instantaneously**

**instantly**

**intermittently**

**just then**

**little by little**

**meanwhile**

**momentarily**

**never**

**not at all**

**occasionally**

**often**

**oftentimes**

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**periodically**

**promptly**

**quickly**

**rarely**

**repeatedly**

**scarcely**

**seldom**

**sequentially**

**simultaneously**

**slowly**

**some of the time**

**sometimes**

**soon**

**sporadically**

**suddenly**

**temporarily**

**this instant**

**uncommonly**

**usually**

**when**

**while**

**without exception**

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