# **Transition Placemat:** devices used by proficient writers to show the relationships among facts and ideas

# **Alternative**

 Either…or…

 Instead,

 Rather than

 Alternatively,

 Otherwise,

# **Assumption**

 Needless to say,

 It goes without saying that

 Assuming,

 Of course,

 Obviously,

# **Cause**

 Because

 Thanks to

 Since

 For

# **Comparison**

 Similarly,

 Just as X, so, too, does Y…

 In the same way,

 Likewise,

 By contrast,

 Unlike X, Y….

 On the one hand…

 On the other hand…

# **Contingency**

 If

 Assuming

 On the condition that…

 Unless

 Until

# **Overcoming** **Contingency**

 Even

 Even so,

 Regardless

 Nonetheless,

 Despite

 Even though

# **Concluding**

 All things considered,

 To review,

 In closing,

 To sum up,

# **Concession**/**Exception**

 Of course,

 I acknowledge

 Admittedly,

 To be sure,

 There is no denying

 In saying this, I do not mean to suggest…

# **Contradiction**

 But

 However,

 And yet

 That being said,

 At the same time,

 On the contrary:

 Actually,

 *(Short, one-sentence* *paragraphs to mark turning point, as in:*

 “Fat chance.”

 *“You would be wrong.”*

 “Nothing could be further than the truth.”)

# **Telegraphing** **Contradiction**

 Supposedly,

 Conventional wisdom tells us that

 To hear so-and-so tell of it, you’d think

 Many people believe that

# **Equivalence**

 *Synonyms,*

 *Appositive constructions*

 Pronouns

 That is,

 In other words,

 To put the matter simply,

 Simply put,

# **Example**

 For instance,

 For example,

 To illustrate,

 Let me name a few.

 In one case,

 Witness the

 I think of the time when…

 Instances are numerous.

# **Expert** **Testimony**

#  According to so-and-so,

 Listen to So-and-so:

 In the words of So-and-so,

 Anyone who doesn’t believe this should ask So and So, who…

# **Emphasis**

 In fact,

 Indeed,

 More importantly,

 Especially,

 Particularly

 In particular,

 Above all,

# **Limiting**

 In general,

 At least in the case of

 Among other things,

 Where X is concerned,

# **List**

 To begin with,

 For openers,

 Besides that,

 Too,

 Also,

 In addition,

 Further,

 Moreover,

 As if this were not enough,

# **Logical** **Extension**

 With this in mind,

 Accordingly,

 In light of

 Therefore,

 Thus,

 Consequently,

 It follows that

 As a result,

 Predictably,

# **Place**

 Here,

 At

 Near

 Across from

 Within (specific distance) of

# **Purpose**

 In order to

 So that

# **Speculation**

 For all we know,

 Possibly,

 Perhaps

 We cannot rule out

 It may be that

# **Time**

 Then,

 Eventually,

 Gradually,

 Slowly,

 As time passed,

 While

 Meanwhile,

 Suddenly,

 Overnight

 Since

 No sooner did…than