

Using transitions

To reinforce the logic of what you are doing and indicate where you are in the overall structure of your plan, you will also find it useful at the end of important sections of your review, or at the end of a chapter if it is an integrated review, to look back and summarise the key points so far and then look forward to what is to come. In this way you can ensure that at key moments your reader can take stock by recapping and reviewing the most important points from the sources you have cited before you begin the next section.

Transitions

Similarities	In the same way, Likewise, Similarly, Correspondingly
Contrast	However, On the other hand, Yet, But, But at the same time, Despite, Even so, For all that, In contrast, In spite of, On the contrary, Otherwise
Illustration	For example, For instance, That is, In other words, In particular, Namely, Specifically, Such as, Thus, To illustrate
Extension	Similarly, Moreover, Furthermore, In addition, By extension, What is more, Above all, Further, In the same way
Conclusion	Therefore, Consequently, As a result, Thus
The next step	Then, After that, It follows
Emphasis	Above all, After all, Equally important, Especially, Indeed, In fact, In particular, Most important, Of course
Causal relations	As a result, Consequently, For that reason, So, Accordingly, Owing to this, Due to this, Because of this, Under these circumstances
Temporal relations	In future, In the meantime, In the past, At first, At the same time, During this time, Earlier, Eventually, Meanwhile, Now, Recently, Simultaneously
Summarising	Finally, In brief, In conclusion, In short, In simpler terms, In summary, On the whole, To summarise
Qualification	However, Nevertheless, Even though, Still, Yet
Alternatives	Alternatively, On the other hand, Rather
Explanation	That is to say, In other words, Namely, This means, To put it another way, To put it simply

For more information, see *How to Write Your Literature Review*, Chapter 21.