

Transitional elements that are tested on the SAT

Conjunctions connect words or ideas within sentences and create relationships between clauses. Transitional words create relationships between sentences. These connecting elements keep the writer's ideas flowing smoothly and coherently throughout paragraphs and essays.

Here are examples of the types of relationships that these words create.

List One: relationships of addition

These words create relationships of addition in the same way as “and” does.

- also
- besides
- furthermore
- likewise
- moreover

List Two: relationships of contrast

These words create relationships of contrast in the same way as “but” does.

- however
- nevertheless
- nonetheless
- still
- conversely
- instead
- otherwise
- rather
- although
- even though
- while

List Three: relationships of cause and effect

These words create relationships of cause and effect in the same way as “so” does.

- accordingly
- consequently
- hence
- meanwhile
- then
- therefore
- thus
- since

List Four: relationships that show examples

- For example
- For instance

List Five: relationships of time

- Before
- After
- When