

Transitions:

In addition / Additionally / Furthermore / Moreover / Plus / ...as well

“Transitions” are word that help connect ideas in a paragraph.

When you are giving many examples or ideas in the body of a paragraph, you should try to introduce each idea with a transition word. (You should not start a sentence with “And”.) There are many transitions that mean “Also” or “And”:

In addition / Additionally / Furthermore / Moreover / Plus / ...as well

These transitions are similar to “Also”. They are explained in detail below.

1. In addition / Additionally

In addition and **Additionally** are used to give more information about something. When you write a formal essay, you should not start a sentence with the word “And”. You can often use “In addition” or “Additionally” instead of “And”.

- I studied journalism in college. **In addition**, I had a part-time job at a newspaper.
- I joined the guitar club and the math club in school. **Additionally**, I went on a camping trip with the debate team.

2. Furthermore / Moreover

Furthermore and **Moreover** are also very formal, and they are basically the same as “in addition” and “additionally”. We often use “moreover” and “furthermore” when we talk about our opinions.

- Smoking is a bad habit because it smells bad and it can damage your health. **Furthermore**, it is a very expensive habit.
- The politician is too old to be our president. **Moreover**, he is not trustworthy.
- Students are given too many tests these days. **Moreover**, they don’t have enough free time.
- Human beings must take care of their environment. We should drive more fuel-efficient cars, and we should recycle. **Furthermore**, we should stop businesses from polluting the environment.

3. Plus / ...as well

Plus and **...as well** can be formal or informal. (“...as well” is used at the end of a sentence”)

- That car has new brakes, an air-conditioner, and a new CD player. **Plus**, it has an alarm.
- The typhoon destroyed my cousin’s home, and it destroyed his car **as well**.
- My grandfather fought in two wars, and he travelled around the world. He ran his own business **as well**.
- That computer is way too expensive. **Plus**, it’s not even that good.

*Note: if the sentence is *negative*, use **either** instead of **as well**.

- I like math, and I like science **as well**.
- I *don’t* like math, and I *don’t* like science **either**.