

VERBS FOR INTRODUCING SUMMARIES, PARAPHRASES, AND QUOTATIONS

Introduce borrowed material with a verb that conveys information about the source author's attitude or approach to what he or she is saying in the sentence. King _____ that the flood might have been disastrous. Filling the blank with *observes, finds, laments* or *insists* would create different meanings.

| AUTHOR IS NEUTRAL | AUTHOR INFERS OR SUGGESTS | AUTHOR ARGUES | AUTHOR IS UNEASY OR DISPARAGING |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| comments | analyzes | alleges | belittles |
| describes | asks | claims | bemoans |
| explains | assesses | contends | complains |
| illustrates | concludes | defends | condemns |
| notes | considers | disagrees | deplores |
| observes | finds | holds | deprecates |
| points out | predicts | insists | derides |
| records | proposes | maintains | laments |
| relates | reveals | | warns |
| reports | shows | AUTHOR AGREES | |
| says | speculates | admits | |
| sees | suggests | agrees | |
| thinks | supposes | concedes | |
| writes | | concurs | |
| | | grants | |

Transitional Devices (Connecting Words)

| To Add: | To Compare | To Prove: | To Show Exception: | To Show Time: |
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| and, again, and then, besides, equally important, finally, further, furthermore, nor, too, next, lastly, what's more, moreover, in addition, first (second, etc.) | whereas, but, yet, on the other hand, however, nevertheless, on the other hand, on the contrary, by comparison, where, compared to, up against, balanced against, vis a vis, but, although, conversely, meanwhile, after all, in contrast, although this may be true | because, for, since, for the same reason, obviously, evidently, furthermore, moreover, besides, indeed, in fact, in addition, in any case, that is | yet, still, however, nevertheless, in spite of, despite, of course, once in a while, sometimes | Immediately, thereafter, soon, after a few hours, finally, then, later, previously, formerly, first (second, etc.), next, and then |
| To Repeat: | To Emphasize: | To Show Sequence: | To Give an Example: | To Conclude: |
| in brief, as I have said, as I have noted, as has been noted | definitely, extremely, obviously, in fact, indeed, in any case, absolutely, positively, naturally, surprisingly, always, forever, perennially, eternally, never, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, certainly, undeniably, without reservation | first, second, third, etc.; A, B, C, etc.; next, then, following this, at this time, now, at this point, after, afterward, subsequently, finally, consequently, previously, before this, simultaneously, concurrently, thus, therefore, hence, next, and then, soon | for example, for instance, in this case, in another case, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration, to illustrate | in brief, on the whole, summing up, to conclude, as I have shown, as I have said, hence, therefore, accordingly, thus, as a result, consequently, on the whole |