STITCHING: SIGNAL WORDS

Signal words alert the reader to how the ideas in an argument relate to one another. Use them to make the logic of your explanations clearer to your audience. It is important to note that these phrases *signal* a link between your ideas; they do not *create* one. For example, just saying "however" does not produce a complication of preceding ideas; it merely indicates that such a complication is forthcoming.

ADDING

Additionally	Another	First	Second
Also	Besides	In addition	Third

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Accordingly	Because (of)	In consequence	Provoked by
After	Due to	Next	Since
As a result (of)	If (not)…, then	Prompted by	

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

As well as	In much the same way	Likewise	Similarly
Compared to	Just as	On the one hand	Unlike
In contrast	Juxtaposing __with __	On the other hand	

CONCLUDING

Consequentially	In conclusion	In the final analysis	Thus
Finally	In consequence	Therefore	Ultimately
From __ it follows that	In the end		

COUNTERING

But	In contrast	On the contrary	Still
Even if we grant that	Instead of	On the other hand	While
However	Nevertheless	Rather (than)	Yet

EXTENDING

Beyond	Furthermore	Moreover	Pushed even further
By extension	Indeed	Not only…but also	What is more

INTRODUCING DETAILS

Examined more closely	For instance	In particular	Specifically
For example	In fact	In the case of __	To choose one example

LINKING

As alluded to	As we have seen	Given that	In this way
As discussed previously	Before we __, we must	Having established that	Ironically
As mentioned earlier	By analogy	In order to	Paradoxically
As noted above	Considering (the above)	In parallel	Relative to
As…, so…	Counterintuitively	In relation to	The aforementioned

QUALIFYING

Admittedly	Distinguished from	In theory	Theoretically
Although	Even though	___ notwithstanding	To be sure
At the very least	Hypothetically	Provided that	To the extent that
Conceding that	Insofar as	Seemingly	While
Despite	In spite of	Supposing that	

SUMMARIZING

All told	In essence	In short	Put differently
In brief	In other words	In sum	To sum up