



# How to Crack TOEFL® iBT

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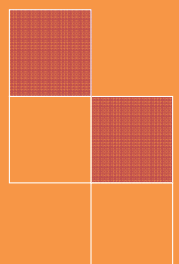
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In this document we provide a list of some transitional words and their usage within the text. We do not claim that this is the complete list of transitional words, but we may state that it covers the most common transitional words. Studying this list will greatly improve the organization of your responses and thus enhance your chances of better result at TOEFL® iBT Exam.

### Transitional Words Grouped according to their Purpose

#### To add extra information

and	coupled with	last, lastly
also	equally important	last but not least
additionally	finally	likewise
alternatively	first, second, third, and etc	moreover
and then	following this further	not only ..., but also...
apart from	further	not to mention
as well	furthermore	or
as well as	indeed	then, too
besides	in addition (to)	too
besides that	in fact	what is more

*Example: Likewise the speaking section, the TOEFL® iBT writing papers are sent to the ETS's Online Scoring Network where they are scored by certified raters.*

#### To give examples

for example	in particular	in particular
as an example	in this situation	specifically
chiefly	including	such as
for instance	markedly	take the case of
especially	namely	to demonstrate
illustrated with	notably	to illustrate
in this case	on this occasion	as an illustration
in another case	particularly	



Example: Most of English Language Exams are divided into separate parts that test different language components. **For example**, TOEFL iBT has four sections – Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing. Some other exams, **including** Cambridge FCE, CAE and CPE include Use of English or Grammar in their formats.

#### To clarify the information you have presented

above all	in this case	under certain circumstances
I mean	that is to say	up to a point
in other words	to put it in another way	what I mean is

Example: **To put it in another way**, five are the components that you should pay attention where preparing for any English Language Test – Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing, Use of English or Grammar.

#### To present consequence

accordingly	hence	therefore
as a result	in that case	thus
consequently	otherwise	thereupon
for this reason	so then	under those circumstances
for this purpose	subsequently	wherefore

Example: **As a result**, most ESL (English as a Second Language) books and training programs are organized around this kind of division and closely follow this format.

#### To generalize information and facts

As a rule	Generally	Usually
As usual	Generally speaking	
For the most part	Ordinarily	

Example: **Generally speaking**, the format is based on testing particular skills.

#### To compare and contrast

but	in a like manner	rather
by the same token	instead	similarly
by way of contrast	likewise	still
conversely	nevertheless	though
equally	on one hand	whereas
however	on the other hand	while
in contrast	on the contrary	yet

Example: **Generally speaking**, the format is based on testing particular skills, **rather** testing passive knowledge.

### To present sequential information

afterward	in the first place	the meantime
at first	in time	then
at the same time	in turn	to begin with
earlier	later	soon
first of all	later on	simultaneously
first/second/third/last/lastly	meanwhile	while
for now	next	
for the time being	the next step	

Example: **Simultaneously**, vocabulary and grammar are tested in context.

### To summarize

after all	in any case	lastly
all in all	in any event	on balance
all things considered	in brief	on the whole
altogether	in conclusion	overall
as a final point	in short	to conclude
briefly	in summary	to put it briefly
by and large	in the end	to sum up
finally	in the final analysis	to summarize
in a word	in the long run	

Example: **To summarize**, TOEFL® iBT tests your skills needed to succeed in English speaking academic environment.

Once again, using transitional words and phrases help you write or speak organize your thoughts in more logical and understandable way. Transitional words clarify the conjunctions and transitions between ideas and thoughts and thus facilitate the reader or listener's comprehension. From that perspective, the right usage of transitional words will pay back with a better score on your TOEFL® iBT Exam.

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