TRANSITION WORDS

ALSO CALLED SIGNAL MARKER PHRASES • STAAR ECR

EXACT STUDENT WORDING SELECTED FROM TEA'S PUBLISHED TOP-SCORE (5/5) RESPONSES

2026–2024 • GRADES 3–8 + ENGLISH I & II • ORIGINAL SPELLING RETAINED

ELEMENTARY

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
GRADE 3	**Linking words in order** Response 1: This means Response 2: This explains · In conclusion TEA p. 21 · Response 1 · TEA p. 22 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: This means Response 2: In other words · Another · In conclousion TEA p. 21 · Response 1 · TEA p. 22 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: So TEA p. 19 · Response 1
GRADE 4	**Linking words in order** Response 1: To begin · Inconclusion · Next · Because · But Response 2: This means · Also · In conclusion TEA p. 21 · Response 1 · TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: First · Next · Lastly Response 2: But · Then · so · To conclude TEA p. 22 · Response 1 · TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: So · Then Response 2: Because · However TEA p. 19 · Response 1 · TEA p. 20 · Response 2
GRADE 5	**Linking words in order** Response 1: This evidence shows · Another · In conclusion Response 2: Also · Therefore · Overall TEA p. 22 · Response 1 · TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: But Response 2: Firstly · Secondly · lastly TEA p. 21 · Response 1 · TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: This proves Response 2: Then · So TEA p. 22 · Response 1 · TEA p. 23 · Response 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
GRADE 6	**Linking words in order** Response 1: This shows · In conclusion Response 2: However TEA p. 23 · Response 1 · TEA p. 24 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: Another Response 2: This shows · Another · In conlusion TEA p. 24 · Response 1 · TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: Then · Next up TEA p. 20 · Response 1
GRADE 7	**Linking words in order** Response 2: To begin · This proves · However · Lastly TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: In finality Response 2: Lastly TEA p. 24 · Response 1 · TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: Another · In short Response 2: In conclusion TEA p. 23 · Response 1 · TEA p. 25 · Response 2
GRADE 8	**Linking words in order** Response 1: First · However · Finally · In conclusion · Therefore Response 2: However · In the end TEA p. 24 · Response 1 · TEA p. 25 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: To add on to this · This shows Response 2: Another · This shows · All together TEA p. 24 · Response 1 · TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 2: Therefore · For example · Then · Another · However · In conclusion TEA p. 23 · Response 2

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
ENGLISH I	**Linking words in order** Response 1: However Response 2: However · So · For example · Another · In conclusion TEA p. 24 · Response 1 · TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: Firstly Response 2: However TEA p. 22 · Response 1 · TEA p. 23 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: Because Response 2: However TEA p. 22 · Response 1 · TEA p. 23 · Response 2
ENGLISH II	**Linking words in order** Response 1: For example · This shows · Another · All in all Response 2: Because TEA p. 24 · Response 1 · TEA p. 26 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: For example · Another Response 2: This evidence shows · On the other hand TEA p. 26 · Response 1 · TEA p. 28 · Response 2	**Linking words in order** Response 1: However Response 2: First · Also TEA p. 23 · Response 1 · TEA p. 24 · Response 2