

Transitions

To show causal relationships:

Because

As a result

For this reason

To indicate sequence:

First

Second

Third

Then

Next

Finally

To introduce additional points:

Also

Another

In addition

Furthermore

Moreover

To move from general to specific:

For example

For instance

In short

In other words

To identify an opposing argument:

However

Although

Even though

Despite

To grant the validity of an opposing argument:

Certainly

Admittedly

Granted

Of course

To introduce a refutation:

However

Nevertheless

Nonetheless

Still

Templates for Using Identifying Tags

To avoid repeating phrases like *he says* in identifying tags, try using some of the following verbs to introduce your source material.

(You can also use “According to ...,” to introduce a source.)

For Summaries or Paraphrases:

[Name of writer]	notes, acknowledges, proposes, suggests
The writer	believes, observes, explains, comments
The article	warns, reports, points out, predicts
The essay	implies, concludes, states

For Quotations:

As [name of writer]	notes, acknowledges, proposes, suggests,
As the writer	believes, observes, explains,
As the article	warns, reports, points out, predicts,
As the essay	implies, concludes, states,