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SIGNAL WORDS & EXPRESSIONS

Continuation of/in the same direction	moreover, also, too, in addition, likewise, besides, furthermore
Emphasis	add to this, even more, above all, more important
Sequence	first, second, finally, last, next, then, after, from now on, formerly, before, later, previously, subsequently, thereafter
Time	begins, soon, shortly, since then, from now on
Cause and effect	because, thus, since, accordingly, consequently, for this reason, if...then, hence, therefore, on that account, as a result, so, leading to, due to
Comparison	like, in the same way, similar, also, likewise, all comparative forms of adjectives and adverbs (e.g., better, worse, faster)
Contrast or change	but, however, nevertheless, yet, still, though, former, rather, latter, different, on the other hand
Concession or opposing view	certainly, naturally, it is true, accepting the data, granted that, of course
Continuation with argument after concession	nonetheless, all the same, even though, still, nevertheless, notwithstanding, whereas, in spite of
Summary	for this reason, in brief, in conclusion, to sum up, finally, thus, in summary, all superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs (e.g., most, best, worst)