**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
- Also

### CAUSE AND EFFECT
- Accordingly
- After
- As a result (of)

### COMPARE AND CONTRAST
- As well as
- Compared to
- In contrast

### CONCLUDING
- Consequentially
- Finally
- From __ it follows that

### COUNTERING
- But
- Even if we grant that
- However

### EXTENDING
- Beyond
- By extension

### INTRODUCING DETAILS
- Examined more closely
- For example

### LINKING
- As alluded to
- As discussed previously
- As mentioned earlier
- As noted above
- As..., so...

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### Qualifying

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### Summarizing

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