Transitions/Conjunctive Adverbs

1. Transitions are used to smoothly connect words, sentences, phrases, and paragraphs and to introduce a new line of thought. They introduce independent clauses.
2. A well-developed paragraph should include at least three major details that prove the main idea/topic sentence and are followed by minor details that further define them.
3. Each major detail sentence should include a transition as a way of moving from one major category of support to another within the paragraph.
4. When choosing a transition to add to the major detail sentences, make sure that you choose one that makes sense. For instance, you would not use "Secondly" or "Next" for the first major neither detail, nor would you use "Finally" to introduce the second major detail.

There are _different types_ of transitions that you can use to organize different types of papers and information.

To add more information of the same type:
also, again, as well as, besides, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly

To introduce information that is opposite previous information (or just different):
conversely, instead, on the other hand, on the contrary, rather, yet, but, however, in contrast

To introduce details that are a result of something:
accordingly, as a result, consequently, for this reason, hence, subsequently, therefore, thus

To introduce examples:
for example, for instance, for one thing, as an illustration, as an example, in this case

To emphasize a detail as more important than others:
above all, chiefly, indeed, especially, particularly, singularly

To put things in order:
at first, first of all, to begin, in the first place, at the same time, for now, for the time being, the next step, in time, in turn, later on, meanwhile, next, then, soon, later, while, earlier, simultaneously, afterward, with this in mind, first, second, third

To show direction or space:
here, there, over there, beyond, nearly, opposite, under, above, to the left, to the right, in the distance

To summarize:
after all, all in all, all things considered, briefly, by and large, in any case, in any event, in brief, on the whole, in short, in summary, in the final analysis, in the long run, to sum up, to summarize