

20 Must-Know Conclusion Transitions

- therefore
 - thus
 - consequently
 - as a result
 - hence
 - overall
 - in summary
 - to sum up
 - in sum
 - on the whole
- ultimately
 - finally
 - all in all
 - in short
 - in essence
 - to conclude
 - in closing
 - for these reasons
 - the evidence suggests
 - the data indicate

By Register

Formal / Academic

- therefore
- thus
- consequently
- hence
- in summary
- in conclusion
- to conclude
- ultimately

Neutral

- overall
- in sum
- to sum up
- on the whole
- as a result
- in essence

Casual / Conversational

- all in all
- in short
- bottom line
- to wrap up

Sentence Frames

- Implication: Therefore, [main claim], which implies [policy/recommendation].
- Synthesis: Overall, [two key findings] suggest [unified takeaway].
- Call-to-action: Consequently, [stakeholders] should [action] to [result].
- Evidence-led: Thus, the evidence indicates that [claim], despite [limitation].

Quick Notes

- Don’t stack transitions (e.g., "Therefore, thus"). Pick one.
- Match register to context (avoid casual in academic writing).
- Follow with synthesis or implication — not just repetition.