

## College Preparatory English

## TRANSITIONS USED TO SIGNAL A CONCLUSION, OR SUMMARIZE

EXPRESSIONS:	GRAMMAR NOTES:	EXAMPLES:
To conclude,	Adverb phrase. Opens a final sentence or section of an essay or talk. Followed by a comma.	<b>To conclude</b> , I would like to reiterate my opening position: for all the reasons stated, marijuana should not be legalized.
In conclusion,	As above	<b>In conclusion</b> , sugary soft drinks are dangerous for your health.
Finally,	Adverb. Opens a final sentence or section of an essay or talk. Followed by a comma. (Caution: this transition can also be used to express time order, so be careful that the context makes your sentence unambiguous.	<b>Finally</b> , I would like to thank you for your attention, and for the excellent questions you asked.
Final	Adjective	The <b>final</b> point I would like to make is that eating the so-called superfoods alone is no guarantee of health; you must eat a balanced diet and avoid too many unhealthy food choices.
To sum up	Adverb phrase, followed by a comma. Introduces a conclusion by giving a brief summary of the content of a talk or essay.	<b>To sum up</b> , the social, financial and security concerns raised by hosting the Olympics did not detract from the excellence of the Vancouver event.
In short,	Sentence connector. Opens the sentence and is followed by a comma.	<b>In short</b> , there are many good reasons why Toronto was not a good location for the G20 summit.
In brief,	As above	<b>In brief</b> , the most dangerous of the illegal drugs I have described this evening are crystal meth, crack cocaine and ecstasy.
To summarize,	As above	<b>To summarize</b> , Tommy Douglas left a positive legacy; indeed, in a CBC poll, he was voted the greatest Canadian ever.
Thank you.		This is frequently used to signal the end of an oral presentation.