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Great Signposting Words

The art of signposting is using key words and phrases to enable the reader to navigate their way through your argument. Here are some signposting words which will prove invaluable in that process. You may have your own favourites.

Adding	also, and, as well (as) besides furthermore in addition similarly
Building on the last section	having established that if so in order to in that/this case in this connection moreover so that/which implies then

Concluding	<p>in conclusion</p> <p>in summary</p> <p>to conclude</p> <p>to recap</p> <p>to summarize</p>
Contrast	<p>all the same</p> <p>by way of contrast</p> <p>conversely</p> <p>despite that</p> <p>however</p> <p>in contrast</p> <p>instead</p> <p>never the less</p> <p>none the less</p> <p>on the other hand</p>
Examples	<p>as an illustration</p> <p>exemplifying this</p> <p>for example</p> <p>for instance</p>
Giving reasons	<p>because</p> <p>because of</p> <p>due to</p> <p>for this reason</p> <p>therefore</p>
List	<p>firstly, secondly, ... finally</p> <p>first and foremost</p> <p>most importantly</p>

Refining	effectively, this suggests in essence more precisely more specifically to make this explicit
Reformulating an idea	again alternatively/an alternative is in other words on the other hand or rather that is
Result	accordingly as a result consequently for this reason hence so then therefore