



Chinese Connectors and Transition Words

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Connector	Pinyin	Meaning
而且	ér qiě	moreover; and also
然后	rán hòu	then; afterwards
首先	shǒu xiān	firstly; first of all
最后	zuì hòu	finally; lastly
总之	zǒng zhī	in short; in summary
例如	lì rú	for example
但是	dànshì	but
因为	yīnwèi	because
所以	suǒyǐ	so
如果	rúguǒ	if
虽然	suīrán	although
然而	rán'ér	however
尽管	jǐn guǎn	although, even though
此外	cǐ wài	furthermore, besides
因此	yīn cǐ	therefore, thus
同时	tóng shí	at the same time, meanwhile
否则	fǒu zé	otherwise, or else
只有	zhǐ yǒu	only if, only when
不过	búguò	but, however
或者	huòzhě	or
并且	bìngqiě	and, moreover
于是	yúshì	thus, consequently
既然	jìrán	since, now that
另外	lìngwài	besides, in addition
其次	qí cì	secondly, next
即使	jíshǐ	even if
只要	zhǐyào	as long as
不然	bùrán	otherwise
由于	yóuyú	because of, due to
比如	bǐrú	for example
除非	chúfēi	unless
无论	wúlùn	no matter (how/what/etc.)

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实际上	shíjì shàng	actually, in fact
换句话说	huàn jù huà shuō	in other words
相反	xiāngfǎn	on the contrary
由此可见	yóucǐ kějiàn	thus it can be seen
反而	fǎn'ér	on the contrary, instead
随后	suíhòu	afterwards, subsequently
接着	jiēzhe	next, and then
另一方面	lìng yī fāngmiàn	on the other hand
结果	jiéguǒ	as a result, in the end
简而言之	jiǎn'ér yán zhī	in short, briefly
接下来	jiē xià lái	next, then, after that
尤其是	yóu qí shì	especially, particularly
除此之外	chú cǐ zhī wài	besides this, in addition
综上所述	zōng shàng suǒ shù	in summary, to sum up
反之	fǎn zhī	on the contrary, conversely
换言之	huàn yán zhī	in other words, that is to say
一方面	yī fāngmiàn	on the one hand
也就是说	yě jiù shì shuō	that is to say; in other words