

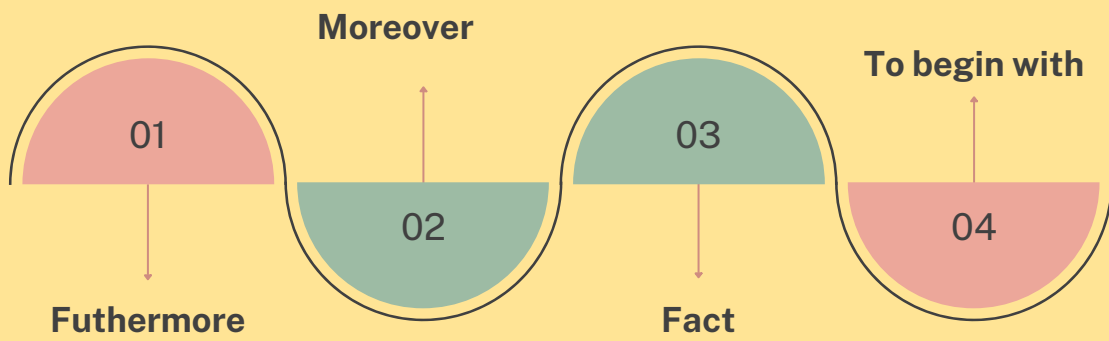
# 20 Most Common Words

## STUDENTS WRITE IN COLLEGE ESSAYS

We've analyzed 500 essay samples students sent our writers for editing. The data showed the most often-used words in these essays, and some of them might surprise you. Here they go!

### 100%

These four words were in *all* essays:



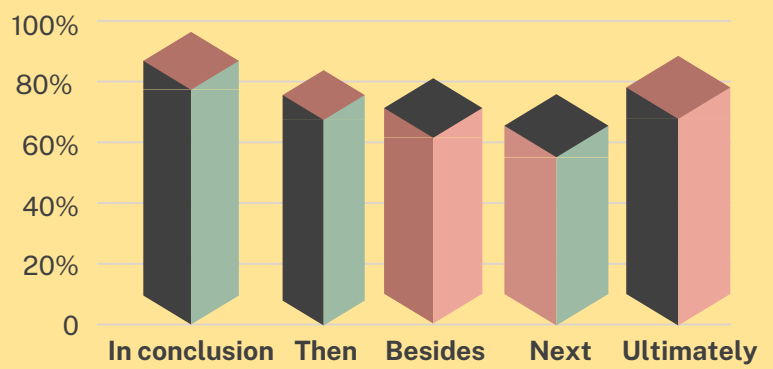
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As you can see

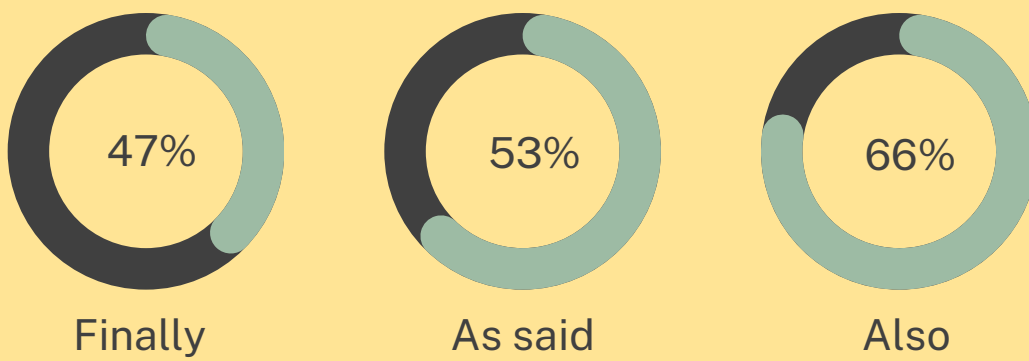
### 5 most common words

These five words are most popular in student essays:



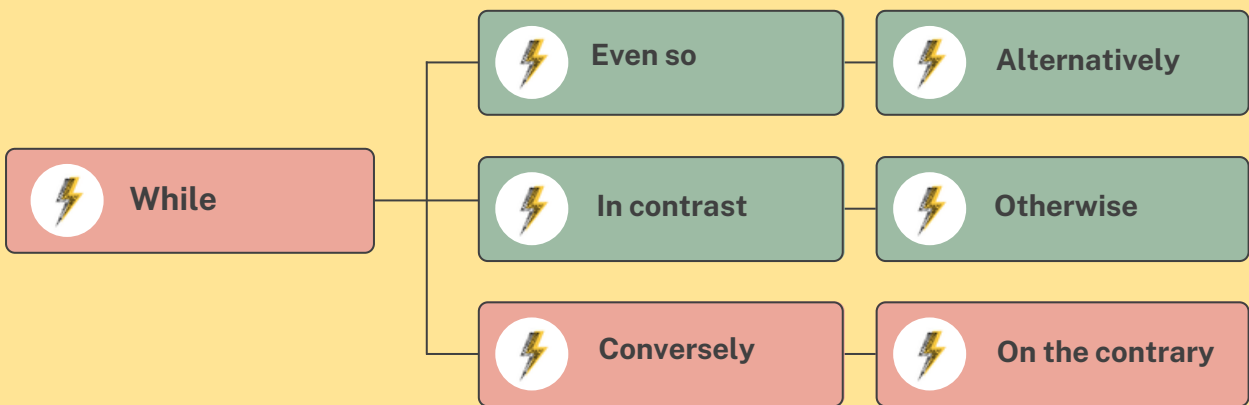
### Less popular but still common

Almost half and above essays contain these words  
(We encourage students to try synonyms):



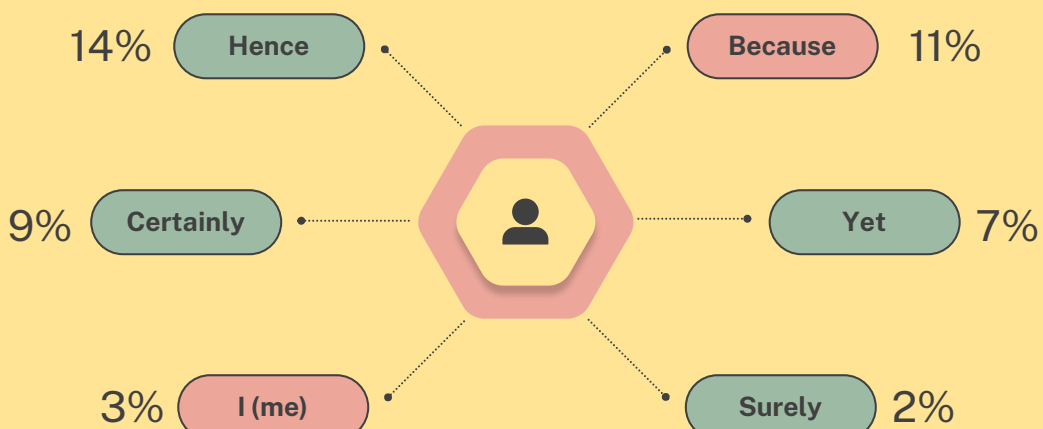
### 39%

All these words' purpose in essays is to demonstrate contrast. Given that most college essays are argumentative when opposite views are necessary to include, no wonder "while" and its variants are in our list.



### Least common but still

The below six words were less often-used in essays, yet their frequency was enough to jump into our top 20:



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