

USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

VERBS

Verbs for making a claim

- argue
- assert
- believe
- claim
- emphasize
- insist
- observe
- remind us
- report
- suggest

Verbs for questioning or disagreeing

- complain
- complicate
- contend
- contradict
- deny
- deplore the tendency o
- qualify
- question
- refute
- reject
- renounce
- repudiate

Verbs for Expressing agreement

- acknowledge
- admire
- agree
- endorse
- praise
- celebrate the fact that
- corroborate
- do not deny
- reaffirm
- support
- verify

Verbs for making recommendations

- advocate
- call for
- demand
- encourage
- exhort
- implore
- plead
- recommend
- urge
- warn

QUOTATIONS

Introducing quotations

- X states...
- According to X...
- In her book, X maintains....
- In X's view....
- X agrees/disagrees when x writes...
- As X puts it...

- In X's words...

Explaining quotations

- In other words, X believes...
- In making this comment, X urges us to....
- X's point is that....
- The expense of X's argument is....

TRANSITION WORDS

Addition

- also
- and
- besides
- furthermore
- in addition
- indeed
- in fact
- moreover
- so to

Example

- after all
- as an illustration
- for example
- for instance
- specifically
- to take a case in point
- consider

Elaboration

- actually
- by extension
- in short
- that is
- in other words
- to put it another way
- to put it bluntly
- to put it succinctly

- ultimately

Comparison

- along the same line
- in the same way
- likewise
- similarly

Contrast

- although
- but
- by contrast
- conversely
- despite
- even though
- however
- in contrast
- nevertheless
- nonetheless
- on the contrary
- on the other hand
- regardless
- whereas
- while
- yet

Cause and effect

- accordingly
- as a result

- consequently
- hence
- since
- so
- then
- therefore
- thus

Concession

- admittedly
- although it is true
- granted
- naturally
- of course
- to be sure

Conclusion

- as a result
- consequently
- hence
- in conclusion
- in short
- in sum
- therefore
- thus
- to sum up
- to summarize