

USEFUL PHRASES FOR WRITING

Introducing the theme

- ♣ One school of thought believes that ...
- ♣ There are those who say that...
- ♣ It is often said that...
- ♣ It can be argued that...

Introducing opinions

- ♣ I (strongly) believe / feel that...
- ♣ I agree / disagree that...
- ♣ In my opinion / view...
- ♣ It seems to me that...

Introducing one of a series of points

- ♣ Firstly / first of all / in the first place, ...
- ♣ Secondly, ...
- ♣ Thirdly, ...
- ♣ Finally, ...

Giving examples

- ♣ For example, ...
- ♣ For instance, ...
- ♣ Such as
- ♣ A good illustration of this is ...

Explaining ideas

- ♣ What this means is ...
- ♣ In other words, ...
- ♣ That is to say, ...
- ♣ In fact, ...

Expressing contrasts

- ♣ Although / Though...
- ♣ However / Nevertheless, ...
- ♣ It can be argued that
- ♣ On the other hand, ...

Presenting arguments for

- ♣ The most important advantage of ...
- ♣ Another major advantage is
- ♣ A further advantage is
- ♣ One point of view in favour of
- ♣ Many people feel that
- ♣ Some people are convinced that

Presenting arguments against

- ♣ One main disadvantage of
- ♣ Another important drawback (disadvantage) is
- ♣ An additional argument against

Claim

- ♣ In this essay / article, I put forward the claim that ...
- ♣ There is a growing support for the claim that
- ♣ Taking a middle-ground position, X claims that ...

Evidence

- ♣ The available evidence seems to suggest that
- ♣ On the basis of the evidence currently available, it seems fair to suggest that

Giving more information

- ♣ Also / Besides / Furthermore / In addition (to this) ...
- ♣ What is more, ...
- ♣ It must also be said that...

Giving conclusions

- ♣ In conclusion, ...
- ♣ In short, ...
- ♣ To sum up, ...
- ♣ On balance, ...
- ♣ Overall, ...
- ♣ All in all, ...