

Language Frames for Academic Writing

Use these to help you write better *thesis statements*, *claims*, and *conclusions*, as well as to supply *evidence* and *reasoning* more efficiently and powerfully. These are just examples and only a few of many, many possibilities.

These first two are attribution tags that can be used in front of any of the rest of the sentence frames.

The story/article/poem/novel/section (TITLE) argued/explained/said/claimed/stated that _____.

(Author's name) argued/explained/said/claimed/stated _____.

_____ is _____.

_____ is important because _____.

_____ had a significant impact on _____.

The major cases of _____ can be traced to _____.

The critical factors which led to _____ were _____.

The similarities between _____ and _____ indicate _____.

By comparing _____ to _____, it is evident that _____.

To define _____, it is necessary to understand _____.

_____ supports the idea that _____.

The key cause of _____ is _____.

_____ suggest that _____.

This evidence justifies _____.

These findings strongly support the idea that _____.

These factors influence _____.

_____ contributes to _____ by _____.

A defining characteristic of _____ is _____.

This explanation provides insight into why _____.

The research on _____ validates _____.

These details support the position that _____.

The contrast between _____ and _____ suggests _____.

Transitions & Set-up Phrases

as a result

on the other hand

but

because of

on account of

subsequently

finally

meanwhile

simultaneously

for example

to illustrate

for instance

specifically

for the purpose of

to clarify

similarly

yet

secondarily

in contrast

since

to put it another way

on account of

for that reason

therefore

perhaps

frequently

although

granted

so that

to explain

to summarize

to conclude

possibly

certainly

it is a well-known fact

others may argue

it is often believed

a common belief

most would agree

a key aspect

a critical component

essentially

accordingly

consequently

in opposition to