

**Useful Expressions and
linkers to write an essay**

opening	<p>It is often said that...◇ Many people claim that...◇ In this day and age... ◇ Nowadays...◇ These days ... ◇ We live in an age when many of us are ...◇ ... is a hotly-debated topic that often divides opinion. ◇ is often discussed yet rarely understood.</p>
Introducing points	<p>Firstly, let us take a look at... ◇ To start with...◇ First of all, it's worth considering ...◇ Secondly,Thirdly... ◇ Furthermore, ...◇ In addition...◇ What is more ... On top of that...◇ Another point worth nothing is ...◇ Another factor to consider is...◇ Lastly, ...◇ Finally, ...◇ Last but not least...◇ The first point I would like to make... To begin with ◇ By way of an introduction ◇ As an opening remark</p>
Weighing up arguments	<p>On the one hand..... on the other hand ◇ To consider the advantages and disadvantages / arguments for and against ◇ To discuss the pros and cons ◇ In theory ... in reality ◇ Both... and.... ◇ Not only ... but also ◇ Anyway ◇ At any rate ◇ In any case ◇ In fact ◇ Indeed ◇ Actually ◇ As a matter of fact ◇ Up to a point ◇ So to speak ◇ By no means ◇ Not at all ◇ Having said that... ◇ If one considers the pros and cons /advantages and disadvantages ◇ There are two sides to this question/issue ◇ To stress / emphasise / underline the fact that ◇ The most significant point is ◇ It cannot be denied that</p>
Comparing	<p>Compared to .. ◇ In comparison with.. ◇ To draw / make a comparison between ...and ◇ Similarly ◇ as well as ◇ Likewise ◇ As with ◇ Like ◇ Equally ◇ In the same way</p>

Restrictions	<p>However ◇ though ◇ nevertheless ◇ whereas ◇ although / though / even though ◇ in spite of / despite ◇ unlike ◇ in contrast to / with sth. on the contrary ◇ sth is contrary to sth</p>
Referring to	<p>with reference to ◇ regarding ◇ as regards ◇</p> <p>◇ as far as ... is concerned</p> <p>◇ According to (according to is used to introduce someone else's opinion. Don't say "according to me")</p>
Emphasizing	<p>I'd like to point out that ◇ I'd like to emphasize ◇ Markedly</p> <p>◇ Especially ◇ Specifically ◇ Expressively ◇ Frequently</p> <p>◇ Significantly ◇ With this in mind ◇ Important to realize</p> <p>◇ Another key point ◇ Above all ◇ In particular ◇ Indeed ◇ notably</p>
Generalizing	<p>on the whole ◇ in general ◇ generally speaking ◇ as a rule</p> <p>◇ to some extent ◇ to a large extent ◇ in many ways</p> <p>◇ in all respects ◇ in most / many cases ◇ basically</p>
Presenting ideas and Giving examples	<p>for example ◇ to exemplify ◇ for instance ◇ such as ◇ including</p> <p>◇ in particular ◇ particularly ◇ to give you an example of what I mean</p> <p>◇ to illustrate this point ◇ what I mean is ◇ and so on / and so forth</p> <p>◇ that is to say ◇ to demonstrate ◇ to clarify ◇ in detail</p> <p>◇ as evidence ◇ to elucidate ◇ to point out ◇ to enumerate</p> <p>◇ when it comes to + N/Gerund ◇ in terms of (N/Gerund)</p> <p>◇ with respect to (N/Gerund) ◇ not only...but also...</p> <p>◇ According to experts,... ◇ Research has found that...</p> <p>◇ That's to say ◇ In other word</p>

Giving reasons	because ◇ as ◇ since ◇ because of ◇ the reason for this is... ◇ One reason behind this is... ◇ the reason why for some reasons or another ◇ I have every reason to believe that ◇ On account of ◇ ...due to...
Consequences	therefore ◇ consequently ◇ as a result As a result of... ◇ for this reason ◇ all these reasons ◇ ...has led to... ◇ ...has resulted in...
Opinion	My personal point of view ◇ I think that ◇ in my opinion ◇ From my point of view ◇ in my view ◇ to my mind ◇ this is a matter of opinion ◇ in my experience ◇ as far as I know ◇ as far as I am concerned ◇ to be aware / unaware of a problem ◇ to tell the truth ◇ the fact is that ◇ I am convinced that ◇ I firmly believe that ◇ I feel sth should be done about that ◇ Personally speaking ◇ My own view on the matter is... ◇ To my opinion.../view/mind ◇ It seems to me that..
Agreeing	entirely / absolutely agree with ◇ that's exactly my own view ◇ I'm of exactly the same opinion ◇ that's perfectly true ◇ I'd like to support this view
Disagreeing	◇ I partly disagree with ◇ I don't entirely agree with ◇ I agree in principle, but ◇ That's not the way I see it ◇ I see things rather differently myself ◇ I'm not at all convinced that ◇ I'm not absolutely sure
Showing Continuation	Next ◇ Hence ◇ Also ◇ Further ◇ Furthermore ◇ Additionally ◇ Moreover ◇ Following this ◇ To continue ◇ In addition

contrasting	<p>Although ◇ Even though ◇ Despite / in spite of ◇ Despite the fact that</p> <p>◇ On the one hand....on the other hand... ◇ However..</p> <p>◇ Nevertheless... ◇ Even so ◇ Whereas ◇ Instead of</p> <p>◇ Alternatively ◇ Otherwise ◇ Unlike ◇ conversely</p>
sequencing	<p>First, ...Second,.... Third, ... ◇ Finally ◇ Next ◇ Meanwhile ◇ After</p> <p>◇ Then ◇ Subsequently</p>
qualifying	<p>But ◇ However ◇ Although ◇ Unless ◇ Except ◇ Apart from</p> <p>◇ As long as ◇ If</p>
Adding	<p>And ◇ Also ◇ As well as ◇ Moreover ◇ Too ◇ Furthermore</p> <p>◇ Additionally</p>
Summarizing and drawing conclusions	<p>finally ◇ last of all ◇ last but not least ◇ in conclusion</p> <p>◇ to conclude ◇ we can draw the conclusion ◇ to sum up</p> <p>◇ to summarize we can say ◇ all in all ◇ in short ◇ in brief</p> <p>◇ Briefly ◇ all things considered ◇ the subject under discussion</p> <p>◇ I find it difficult to reach a conclusion but I'm tempted to say</p> <p>◇ On the whole ◇ Overall ◇ In final analysis ◇ As shown above</p> <p>◇ By and large ◇ Taking everything into consideration...</p> <p>◇ Weighing up both sides of the argument...</p> <p>◇ The advantages of...outweigh the disadvantages...</p> <p>◇ As a final point</p>