

Useful Essay Words and Phrases

Certain words are used to link ideas and to signpost the reader the direction your line of reasoning is about to take, such as adding more emphasis, or introducing an alternative point of view.

Below is a selection of words used to link ideas, depending on the direction of your argument.

Adding more to a point already made

moreover; furthermore; again; further; what is more; in addition
besides; above all; as well (as)
either; neither...nor; not only...but also; similarly; in the same way; indeed
in fact; really; in reality, it is found that...
as for; as to; with respect to; regarding

Writing in lists

first(ly); second(ly); third(ly)
another; yet another; in addition; finally
to begin with; in the second place
moreover; additionally; also
next; then; and to conclude; lastly; finally

Putting the same idea in a different way

in other words; rather; or; better; in that case
to put it (more) simply
in view of this; with this in mind
to look at this another way

Introducing examples

that is to say; in other words
for example; for instance; namely; an example of this is
and; as follows; as in the following examples; such as; including
especially; particularly; in particular; notably; chiefly; mainly; mostly

Introducing an alternative viewpoint

by contrast; another way of viewing this is; alternatively; again; rather;
one alternative is; another possibility is...
on the one hand...on the other hand
in comparison; on the contrary; in fact; though; although

Returning to emphasise your earlier viewpoint

however; despite x; in spite of x
while x may be true...
although; though; after all; at the same time; on the other hand; all the same;
even if x is true; although x may have a good point

Showing the results of something

Therefore (=por lo tanto); as a result
so, (then,) it can be seen that
the result is; the consequence is
we can see, then, that; it is evident that
because of this; for this reason; this suggests that; it follows that
due to (=debido a)
in other words;

Summing up or concluding

therefore; so, my conclusion is
in short; in conclusion; to conclude; on the whole (=en conjunto)
to summarise; to sum up briefly; in brief;

Useful phrases to introduce quotations (=citas)

- According to X,...
- To quote from X, '...'
- X tells/shows us that...
- Referring to ..., X argues that
- As X stated/wrote/argued/discussed/expressed the concern, ...