**FILLERS AND CONNECTORS FOR SPEAKING IELTS**

Connectives and discourse markers (fillers and signposts):

Simple examples:

**Opinions** - I think… I reckon..

**Add information** – also…

**Emphasize** - I really think…

**Clarify -**I mean…

**Compare and contrast** – but/however…

**Conclude** - in conclusion…

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| **Opinions** | **Add information** | **Emphasize** | **Clarify** | **Compare and contrast** | **Conclude** |
| * Well to be honest * Honestly, * Wow, without a doubt… * Absolutely… * Yeah, I reckon it's essential… * For sure, in my eyes, … * Yep, I’d say … * I guess so. * I suppose…   **MISTAKE**: I think YES.  **CORRECT** I think so. Yes… | * Another thing is… * On top of that… * As far as I know… * To my knowledge * Well, first of all… * Well, to kick off… * For starters,… * Ultimately (finally) | * I'd go as far as to say… * Actually,… * As a matter of fact… * In fact… * And here's the thing… | * If we are talking about… * The thing is, * This means | * But.. * However… * That said… * Mind you… * At the same time… | * In a nutshell… * Overall,… * All in all,… * At the end of the day,… |
| **Examples**     * For instance,… * For example,… * Take X as an example… * You can see this with… * In particular, * Particularly, | **Reason**  On the ground that .. |  |  |  |  |