

Advantages & Disadvantages	
Writing about advantages	
advantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The great advantage of ... is that ... One of the big advantages of ... is that has the advantage of This gives ... a distinct advantage over (= an obvious advantage compared to) ... Despite ..., the X's advantages clearly outweigh its disadvantages. (= the problems are not enough to stop it being a good X)
benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... has many benefits, including has brought great benefits to ... There has been a great deal of ... into the potential benefits of ...
merit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... will consider the merits of ... In ..., ... discusses the relative merits of ... (= compares the features that they have) The merits and demerits of ... widely discussed in saw no great merit in ... (= did not think that it was good)
good point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the good points about ... is that has its good and bad points.
plus point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is another of the X's many plus points. ... said a major plus point was ...
the good / great / best thing about	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The great thing about ... is that was the best thing about ... The good thing about ... is that ...
beauty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The beauty of ... is that ... (has a very good or useful feature)
Writing about disadvantages	
disadvantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main disadvantage of ... is have two serious disadvantages. Firstly, ..., and secondly, ... A major disadvantage of ... is that ...
drawback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The major drawback of ... is that is very light and also very strong. Its main drawback is that can be beautiful. The only drawback is ...
downside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The downside of ... is that ... Everyone wants to be ..., but it does have its downside. ... enjoy what ..., but the downside is that ...
bad point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are good points and bad points about ... For all its bad points, and there are many, it is still the best ... of its kind available.
Agreeing	
To agree with someone or something	
agree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... agreed with his views about ... I completely agree with agree that ...
share somebody's view/concern/ fear etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I share her concerns about share his view that ... This fear was shared by ...
subscribe to a view/theory etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... subscribe to the view that I, for one, do not subscribe to this theory.
be of the same opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... were of the same opinion about is of the same opinion as Dr ...
concur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... concurred with this view. ... would readily concur that (= agree without any hesitation) ... As most ... concur, ...
somebody is right/ somebody makes a valid point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... was right when he argued that makes a valid point when ...
To partly agree with someone or something	
agree up to a point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although ... agree with ... up to a point, I find it hard to believe that ...
broadly agree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... broadly agreed with ...
there is some truth in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is some truth in the argument that ... There is some truth in ..., but none of them can fully explain the causes of ...
When a group of people agree	
agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today there is general agreement that ... There is widespread agreement on are mostly in agreement about were unable to reach agreement. (= could not agree with each other)
consensus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is now a general consensus among ... on ... There was a growing consensus that ...
common ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are many areas of common ground between ... Despite ..., they found common ground in their interest in ...
unanimous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... are unanimous on this issue. ... were unanimous in their opposition to ... a unanimous decision by ...
widely held view/belief etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a widely held view among ... that ... There is a widely held belief that ...
widely/ generally accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is now widely accepted that ... It is generally accepted that ...

Aim or Purpose	
Ways of saying what the aim or purpose of something is	
aim to do something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... aims to show how aims to answer two questions. First, ... Second, ... In this study, we aimed to ...
set out to do something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... never achieved what it set out to do. The first chapter sets out to explain ... The authors set out to show how ... are different from each other.
in order to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... were carried out in order to find out if ...
be intended to do something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is intended to provide a basic introduction to were intended to control ... which affects ...
be supposed to do something / be meant to do something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is supposed to be a serious drama. The scheme was meant to improve ...
Words meaning aim or purpose	
aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main aims of ... are as follows. The main aim/One of the aim of ... is to achieved its aim of ... by the end of the year. My aim in this article is to ... A cure for ... is our ultimate aim. (= the most important aim, which you hope one day to achieve)
purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... tell them about the purpose of ... The main purpose of ... is to ... She went to ... for the purpose of are used for research / medical purposes.
objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... has three main objectives: firstly, to ...; secondly, to ...; and finally, to ... The principal objective of ... is to is unlikely to achieve its long-term objective of ...
goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It took ... over ... to achieve his goal of ... The X's long-term goal is to have set themselves the goal of ...
target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is expected to reach its target of ... They failed to meet their target of ... He set himself the target of raising ...
intention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their intention was to ..., but ... made this impossible. She went to ... with the intention of ... (= that was the reason she went there) ... said that ... had no intention of ... (= they definitely did not intend to do this) ... can never be 100% sure of X's original intentions. It was never their intention to encourage people to ... It is not my intention here to give a detailed account of ...
mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The X's mission is provide ... help to ... Our mission is to educate people about ... The students are on a mission to ... (= they trying hard to do something, because they feel it is very important)
the point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The point of the experiment is to show how find it difficult to see the point of studying ... (= they find it difficult to understand why it is necessary) He felt that ... were completely missing the point. (= they failed to understand the most important purpose for something)
ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... were accused of trying to exploit ... for their own ends. ... will do almost anything to achieve their ends.
Approximate / Exact	
Words meaning approximately	
approximately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 30% of adults who ... will ... The last earthquake of this size occurred approximately ... In 1994, ... paid farmers approximately ...
about	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They arrived at about ... It takes about ... hours from ... to ... There were about ... people at ...
roughly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... are roughly the same size. Roughly half of ... is imported. The amount of ... in ... is roughly equivalent to ... (= it contains about the same amount)
(somewhere / something) in the region of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... would cost somewhere in the region of worth something in the region of ...
circa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The house dates from circa ... The picture shows ..., circa 1848.
or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It can take ... or more to weighed ... or more.
Words meaning exactly	
exactly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They finished at exactly received exactly the same amount of ... Exactly 60 years ago, two scientists at ... demonstrated ...
to be exact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... are very old: ... years old, to be exact.
precisely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting began on time, at precisely ... He always ... at 2 o'clock precisely. No one knows precisely how ...
right in the middle of/next to/in front of etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... was right in the middle of the target. ... happened right next to each other.
directly in front of / behind / under etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was ..., directly behind sit directly in front of stood directly below ...

Causes	
To cause something to happen	
make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plants need ... to make them grow. ... was good at making people laugh. The government's ... policies made it unpopular with ... Inventions such as ... made people's lives a lot easier.
cause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoking causes is causing problems for ... The crisis caused ... to go up dramatically. At first, the news caused ... to ...
lead to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The research could eventually lead to a cure for led to a collapse in the numbers of will inevitably lead to poorer quality public services.
result in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many ... result in death or ... Low levels of vitamin ... can result in resulted in ... being sent to ... for ...
create	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the novel, ... creates an atmosphere of ... Science and technology often create more problems than they solve. ... is to create the conditions for ...
bring about	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... brought about enormous ... change. So far, all attempts to bring about peace have failed.
give rise to a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor performance in ... can give rise to depression and gave rise to violent protest in can give rise to health problems.
generate (interest, support, or a demand for something)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... generated a lot of interest in generated a huge demand for ...
be responsible for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... concluded that ... was responsible for are responsible for making ...
set off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... set off a wave of rioting across ... The programme set off a national debate about ...
trigger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... was triggered by a series of ..., beginning with can trigger allergies. If ..., this could trigger an economic crisis.
Ways of saying that something is caused by another thing	
be caused by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... are caused by stress. Almost half of ... are caused by ...
be the result of / result from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He said the success of ... was the result of hard work by are the direct result of ... Meningitis results from result from a combination of economic and social factors.
arise from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of problems arose from aware of the dangers arising from ...
stem from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> His emotional problems stemmed from ... The present difficulties stem from ...
To be one of the things that cause something to happen	
play a part	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one knows exactly what causes the ... factors are thought to play a part. ... played a major part in the collapse of ...
be a factor in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... was definitely a factor in their decision. ... is a major factor in ... (= a very important factor)
contribute to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is known to contribute to gets blamed for contributing to the decline of could contribute to the development of is a contributing factor in the development of ...
influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... demonstrated that ... influenced factors may influence how ... reacts to ...
Something that causes another thing to happen	
cause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... trying to find the cause of have visited ... to establish the cause of ... (= find out what the cause is) ... is one of the major causes of ... among ... Almost certainly, the underlying cause of ... was ... (= the most important cause, even though it is not immediately obvious) ... was in no doubt that the root cause of ... was ... (= the most important cause, even though it is not immediately obvious)
factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... tried to identify the key factors (= most important factors) affecting studied a wide range of ..., ..., and ... factors. ... have shown that ... is a contributory factor in 10% of all ... (= it is one of the things that causes ..., often in combination with other things) ... is often the deciding factor when choosing ... (= the main factor that makes you choose to do something)
origins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... describes the origins of ... The origins of ... go back to ... For ..., understanding the origins of ... is a long process. The dispute between ... had its origins in ...
source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... can become a major source of can be a source of confusion. ... was necessary to identify the source of ...
root	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... failed to get to the root of ... (= discover the main cause) ... lie at the root of many ... disorders. (= they are the main cause)

Certainty & Uncertainty	
Ways of saying that you are certain about something	
certain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am certain that ... It now seems certain that ... One can never be absolutely certain of ... The general ..., assuring them that ... was certain.
sure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am sure that ... was innocent. It is difficult to be absolutely sure about ...
convinced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She was convinced that ... was innocent. They became convinced of the need for ...
confident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... were confident of ... (= they were sure that they would ...) In ... he said he was confident that ...
satisfied	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is now fully satisfied that (= completely satisfied) needed to be satisfied that ... was caused by ...
have no doubt / be in no doubt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have no doubt that ... one day be found. He said that he was in no doubt that ...
without (a) doubt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She was without doubt one of ... His experience in ... was, without doubt, very important to ... Without a doubt, it is ... that determines ...
there is no doubt that (also there is no denying / disputing the fact that)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no doubt that ... does influence ... There is no denying the fact that ... are guilty of ... There is no disputing the fact that ... has had a dramatic effect on ...
certainly / undoubtedly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... will certainly benefit from ... Undoubtedly there is a link between ... and ... Certainly it will be a long time before ... are able to was captain and undoubtedly the best known player in ...
Ways of saying that you are not certain about something	
not certain / uncertain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am not certain that ... are accurate. People often feel uncertain about ... It is uncertain whether ... was accidental. It is by no means certain that ... (= it is not at all certain)
not sure / unsure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am not sure whether ... or not. ... are still unsure about the precise details of are not entirely sure that ... exist in (= not completely sure) ...
have doubts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many people have doubts about the methods have doubts as to whether ... really work.
be dubious about something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The writer is dubious about the effectiveness of ... Most ... are dubious about accepting ...
Comparing & Contrasting	
What you say when comparing things or people	
compared to / with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... are much higher compared to has a life expectancy of ... years, compared with ... in represents about ... percent of ... Compared to ..., that ... is low. ... rates are lower for ... as compared with ...
by comparison / in comparison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... have far more ... by comparison with are low in comparison with ... In his early pictures he ... His later work is ... in comparison. The amount of money spent on ... pales in comparison to (= is much less than) the money spent on ...
next to / beside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our problems seem trivial next to those faced by ... Their achievements pale beside his. (= they seem much less important)
as against / as opposed to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... achieved sales of ... million, as against ... million in predicted that ... percent of female university graduates ..., as opposed to just ... percent of male graduates.
unlike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlike ..., he had no interest in ... The drug has ..., unlike other drugs that ...
in contrast / by contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In contrast to the south of ..., the north is still and ..., in contrast with ..., chose not to ... Studies show that ... costs ... By contrast it costs about ... to ...
in proportion to / in relation to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... pay the highest rates of tax in proportion to their incomes. His head is big in proportion to the rest of his body. ... debt was greater than that of the ... in relation to the size of its Economy.
relative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... compares the relative merits of living in ... and living in ... It is too early to make a judgement about the relative importance of ... How do we account for the relative lack of ...
To compare things or people	
compare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A study by ... compared the cost of ... with compared the time it took for different compares the number of ... joining the university to ...
make / draw a comparison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In ..., she makes a comparison between ... and ... It is possible to draw a comparison between ...
draw an analogy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some people have attempted to draw an analogy between ... and ...
draw a parallel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The writer draws a parallel between ... and ... Parallels can be drawn between ... and ...
liken somebody / something to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is often likened to ... Critics have likened ... to ...

contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In ... she contrasts ... in very different circumstances.
make / draw a distinction between	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to make a distinction between ... and ... • The author draws a distinction between ..., and ...
Concluding	
What you say when concluding your essay or argument	
in conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In conclusion, the results of ... suggest that ... • Thus, in conclusion, ...
to summarize / to sum up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To summarize: there are many reasons why ... • To sum up, in ... the Soviet government found itself in ...
something can be summarized as follows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization's main aim can be summarized as follows: ... • The result of the survey can be summarized as follows. Both ... and ... show a strong preference for ...
the following conclusion(s) may be drawn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following conclusions may be drawn from these figures. Firstly, ... Secondly, ... • With regard to ..., the following conclusions may be drawn. The best method of ... is ... The next requirement is ...
the main conclusion to be drawn is that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main conclusion to be drawn from this discussion is that ...
Saying again what your aims were at the conclusion of an essay	
the purpose / aim of this ... was to ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of this ... was to determine whether it is possible ...
in this ... I have tried / attempted to ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this essay, I have tried to set out ... • In this report, we have attempted to demonstrate ...
Decreasing	
To decrease	
decrease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... has decreased by around ... • The total number of ... has decreased slightly. • After ..., the number of ... decreased significantly. • The effectiveness of ... gradually decreases.
go down	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The percentage of ... has gone down. • As a result of ..., ... went down by ...
decline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In rural areas, ... continued to decline. • ... have effectively declined by around ... • The rate of ... has declined sharply in ... • Support for ... is steadily declining. • ... has declined in importance.
fall / drop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of ... in ... has fallen to just over ... • At night, the temperature drops to ... • Profits fell from ... to ... • In May, the price of ... dropped by over ...
plunge / plummet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas prices have plunged ... in less than ... • Sales of ... are plummeting. • ... could cause ... to plummet.
halve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He expects ... to halve by 2020. • In 1965, ... of Canadians smoked. This figure has more than halved.
diminish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The numbers of ... have diminished over the years. • ... diminished from ... to ... between ... and ... • ... gradually diminished. • Although ... had diminished, he continued to ...
dwindle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... have slowly dwindled, until there are now only about ... • ... dwindled during the ... • Support for ... is dwindling.
To make something decrease	
reduce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... was greatly reduced in ... • The number of ... has been reduced by a quarter. • ... are urging people to reduce the amount of ... • ... will help to reduce ... • ... helps to reduce the risk of ... • The ability to communicate ... has reduced the need for ...
lower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a basic rule in economics that if you want people to buy more of your ..., you lower the price. • ... age was lowered to ... • They decided to lower ... by a quarter of a percent. • ... is used to lower ... • ... have had to lower their standard. • To cool, the motor forces ..., so lowering the temperature.
bring down	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They used ... in an effort to bring down ... • ... was part of a campaign to bring down ...
cut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... are constantly looking for ways to cut their costs. • ... is to cut the price of ... by ... from ... • ... will cut the journey time from ... to ... to just over ... hours. • ... has been cut from ... hours to ...
halve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs were halved. • ... have halved the number of ... among ...
relieve / ease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors are allowed to give drugs to relieve pain, even if ... • Accordingly, they hired more ... to relieve the pressure on ... • ... can help to relieve the tension.
alleviate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... helps to alleviate ... • Changes in ... can help to alleviate the symptoms of ...

A decrease	
decrease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a significant decrease in ... • In ... there was a slight decrease in ... • ... show an overall ... decrease in ...
reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small reduction in ... can mean a large increase in ... • There has been a significant reduction in ... • Over the last few years, there has been a dramatic reduction in (= surprisingly large) ...
cut price cuts tax cuts pay cuts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is planning further job cuts. • There have been major cuts in ... • ... introduced new laws requiring drastic cuts in (= very big cuts) ... • ... announced a 1 per cent cut in ...
drop / fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... reported a ... drop in ... • Researchers found that the number of ... had gone down from ... to ..., a drop of ... percent. • ... has suffered a sharp fall in (= a sudden very large fall) ...
decline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a gradual decline in ... • Television is often blamed for the decline in ... • There has been a slight decline in ... • Four years ago, there were ... people living on ..., but there are now only ... That is a decline of ... percent.
When something stops decreasing	
level off / out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... dropped from a peak of ..., levelling off in 1999 at ... • ... suggest inflation will level out at ... after a year at over ...
bottom out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decline in ... finally showed signs of bottoming out in ... • There is no evidence that ... has bottomed out yet.
Disagreeing	
To disagree with someone or with an opinion	
disagree / not agree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... continue to disagree about ... • Although he did not agree with ..., he was profoundly influenced by ... • ... disagree among themselves on what causes the ... • I strongly disagree with his views on ... (= I disagree with them very much)
take issue with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I feel that I must take issue with ... • Some people have taken issue with ... in ...
dispute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers have disputed ... claims. • No one disputes that ...
differ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critics differed sharply on ... (= they had very different opinions) • Opinions differ about the proper relationship between ...
be divided / split	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... remain deeply divided on the issue of whether ... • Scientists were split on ...
be mistaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is mistaken if he believes that ... • Such a view is, however, seriously mistaken.
When people disagree about something	
disagreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is considerable disagreement among ... about ... • She found herself in disagreement with ... on the issue. (= she found that she disagreed with them about it)
dispute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He became involved in a long legal dispute with ... • There is considerable dispute over ... • ... is trying to settle the bitter and long-running dispute between ...
controversy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a lot of controversy over ... • ... writes about the controversy surrounding ... • There is some controversy among ... about whether ...
Causing disagreement	
contentious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... has been a contentious issue between ... and ... for years. • One particularly contentious area in the field of ... is ...
controversial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of ... is a controversial issue. • The judge's decision was highly controversial at the time. • ... remains a somewhat controversial historical figure.
divisive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... was extremely divisive. • ... remains a divisive issue in many parts of ...
Effect	
Words meaning effect	
effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She was one of the first scientists to study the effects of ... • At first, ... seemed to have no effect. • Some people believe that ... has a positive effect on ..., while others think that it has a negative effect. • ... is likely to have an adverse effect on the ... (= a bad effect) • ... has a significant effect upon ... (= an important and noticeable effect) • ... could have far-reaching effects. (= on a lot of things or people)
impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In practice, the change in ... did not have much impact. • ... has had an enormous impact on ... (= a very big impact) • ... had a devastating impact on ... (= it caused a great amount of damage) • ... will have a profound impact upon ... (= a very big impact)
influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In his book, ... examines the influence of ... on ... • ... had a considerable influence on ... • ... exerted a unique influence on ... (= it had a unique influence)
side effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experts warn that ... which can have dangerous side effects. • Common side effects of ... include ...
aftereffects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is still suffering from the after effects of ... • The after effects of ... can last for ...

knock-on effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... are likely to have a knock-on effect on ... • If one flight is delayed, it can have knock-on effects on the other flights.
repercussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was a major economic crisis with ... repercussions. • ... could have serious repercussions for her ...
implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results of the study could have important implications for ... • Some people believe that ... will have serious implications for ...
To affect something or someone	
affect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... affects ... more than ... • ... was badly affected by ... • Smoking while ... can seriously affect the health of ... • ... is adversely affecting the quality of ... (= it is having a bad effect on)
be bad for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When ... close down it is bad for ... • Studies have shown that ... can be bad for you ...
be good for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... contained analysis of how ... can be good for ... • ..., especially ..., is good for you.
impact / impact on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... in ... has negatively impacted ... (= it has had a bad effect on ...) • The new regulation will significantly impact on ... (= they will have an important and noticeable effect)
make a difference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... have made a big difference in ... • In practice it makes very little difference which type of ... you use. • Choosing the right ... can make all the difference to ... (= the right choice will make it a very enjoyable ...)
influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no convincing evidence that ... influences ... • ... was heavily influenced by ... (= ... was greatly influenced by ...) • ... are strongly influenced by ...
Emphasizing	
What you say when emphasizing that something is important	
I would like to stress that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like to stress that ... is still at an early stage. • I would like to stress that ... bear no resemblance to ...
it should be noted that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should be noted that there are a number of ... • It should be noted that ... has continued over a number of years.
it is worth bearing in mind that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is worth bearing in mind that 90% of the scientists researching in ... are employed by ...
crucial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... distinguishes between ... and ... This distinction is crucial. • Factors such as ... and ... play a crucial role in ...
crucially	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crucially, it was claimed that there was an increase in ...
vital / essential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... play a vital part in ... • It is essential that ... is carried out as soon as possible.
Ways of emphasizing one person or thing more than others	
especially / particularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The climate is ..., especially in ... • There has been a big increase in ..., particularly ... • It is often mixed with ..., particularly ... • He was very much influenced by ..., especially when ...
in particular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In ... in particular, large numbers of ... lost money by ... • ..., in particular, has made us question representations of ... • One of the biggest ... issues was ... In particular, there was concern about ...
notably	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some ..., most notably J. M. Keynes, recommended ... • In 1950, ... were built in ... (notably in ...).
above all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is not only ... but also ..., and above all, ... • Try to find out if your daughter has any other worries or problems. Above all, show her that you care and ...
most of all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... had become an importer of copper, lead, zinc, and most of all, oil. • Most of all, we need an approach that works.
most importantly / significantly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps most importantly, the nation seemed to have lost ... and ... • ... was a period of enormous ... change. Most significantly, ...
To emphasize something	
emphasize / stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In their report, they emphasized ... • She stresses that ... is not always ...
highlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This case highlights some of the problems associated with ... • ... is more concerned with highlighting the issues involved, rather than providing solutions.
underline / underscore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... underlines the need for ... • ... underscore the fact that ... is ...
draw attention to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of ... have drawn attention to this fact. • The study was one of the first to draw attention to ... faced by ...
point up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report pointed up the need for ...
Explaining	
What you say when you are explaining something	
this means that / which means that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer technology is constantly ... This means that ... • There is a shortage of ..., which means that ... • ... interest rate is ... This means that for every ..., you will get ...
that is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is about ..., that is, ... • ... suffers from ... Disorder. That is, he finds it difficult to ...
I.e. / i.e.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... will ... at the end of next month, i.e. March 31st. • There has been a decline in the number of ..., i.e. ones that are ...
in other words / to put it another way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average incomes fell, while ... In other words, ... • In a democracy, ... The people should, in other words, be able ... • Using ... would offer ... To put it another way, this will mean ...
to put it simply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the treatment aims to do, to put it simply, is to ... • A romantic novel should ... To put it simply, the novel should not just ...; it should ...
specifically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several prisoners reported some kind of ... Specifically, ...; ...; and ... • What we need is ... More specifically, we need to ...

Words meaning to explain something	
explain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was the first ... to explain how ... • ... begins by explaining the difference between ... and ... • There are a number of ... which seek to explain why (= try to explain why) ...
give / offer / provide an explanation to explain something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He attempts to give a simple explanation of ... • It is possible that ... could offer an explanation for ... • They were unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for ...
set out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He sets out his plans for ... • The document sets out exactly how the ...
go through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She begins her article by going through all the reasons why ...
outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In, outlines the four main stages in ... • The purpose of ... is to outline the basic principles which ...
expand on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... saw ... as ... He expands on this idea in ... • The author expands on this theme at length (= writes a lot about it).
clarify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... aims to clarify some of the most important issues in ... • In his speech ... attempted to clarify ...
Giving Example	
What you say when giving an example	
for example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People watch huge amounts of ... In the United States, for example, many children spend ... • A lot of ... come from ... For example ... comes from ...
for instance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is already showing signs of ... Last year, for instance, ... • There is a great deal we can do to reduce the amount of ... For instance, ...
particularly / in particular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is very important for ..., particularly in ... • ... had a big influence on ... in particular.
be a good / typical / classic / obvious etc example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is a good example of a ... that consists of several ... • ... is a classic example of this kind of problem.
be a case in point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many ... and ... are under threat. ... is a case in point. • ... has consistently ignored basic human rights. A case in point is the recent killing of ...
take / consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science has yet to answer ... Take, for instance, (= consider the following example) the theory ... • Many students are bored with their studies. Consider the case of ... She is a hard-working student who ...
by way of illustration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revolutions often lead to ... By way of illustration, consider the events that followed ... • Plants have been used in ... in many ways for many centuries. By way of illustration, ...
be shown by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The people who live there are quite rich. This is shown by ... • ... were produced here for thousands of years, as is shown by ... discovered in ...
this is true of / this was true of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many writers have suffered from discrimination. This was true of ..., and also of ...
What you say when there are a lot of other examples of something	
such as	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The factory produced electrical goods such as ... and ... • ... do better than ... in subjects such as ...
including	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has many interests, including ... and ... • The company produces 340 drugs and cosmetic products, including ..., ... and ...
to name but a few	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He wrote several famous books: ..., ..., and ... to ..., to name but a few.
etc / et cetera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is best to avoid ..., ..., etc. etc.
To give something or someone as an example	
give the example of something / give something as an example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The writer gives the example of ... who, three years after ..., was charged with ... • He gives as an example ..., where the number of ... has decreased dramatically.
cite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She cites a survey last year, which showed that ... • ... cites ... as an example of an author who ...
Giving Exceptions	
Ways of saying that something or someone is an exception	
except	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is open every day except ... • Most of the ... liked ..., except for one ... on ... • Except for a few years in ..., inflation has been a continuing feature of ... since ... • The area looks very much like the ..., except that ... • Except in ..., these doors must remain closed.
apart from / aside from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aside from ..., this is an excellent piece of ... • The films were all made in ..., apart from one, which ... • ... was not very good in the first week. Apart from that, it was ...
excluding / not including	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... costs ..., not including tax. • Excluding ..., the total number of ... rose from ... to ...
with the exception of / with one exception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... has more ... than any other place in the world, with the exception of ... • With the exception of ..., ... is the most common ... among ... • ... are, with one exception, overcrowded and lacking in ...
but	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is nothing but ..., for mile after mile. • ... covers everything but ... • All but a few of ... died of ...

other than	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had no interests other than ... • No one other than her knew about ... • ... has said little about ..., other than that ... • Some airlines will not allow you to take pets other than ..., ... and ...
in a few cases / in a small number of cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a few cases the information has gone missing from ... • ... can only help in a small number of cases.
Someone or something that is not included	
exception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ..., although there were one or two exceptions. • Apart from a few minor exceptions (= unimportant exceptions), the two ... are very similar. • Not many first-rate writers have written about film. A notable exception (= an important exception) is ..., who ... • All societies, without exception, ...
Giving Opinions	
What you say when giving your opinion about something	
in my opinion / in my view	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their concerns are, in my opinion, ... • In my opinion, ... is ... • In my view, ... made the right decision.
I think that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think that everyone should ... • I think that ... should be ...
in this writer's view / opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this writer's view, ... is in need of ... • In this writer's opinion, the arguments against ... are ...
it seems to me that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems to me that there is some truth in ...
I believe that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe that ... is ...
Ways of saying what another person's opinion is	
somebody's opinion / view is that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The X's opinion was that ... • His view is that ... should be told the whole truth about ... • The general opinion is that ... works better. (= most people think this)
in somebody's opinion / view	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The important thing, in X's opinion, was to ... • Criticism is quite different, in X's view, from ordinary reading. • In his opinion, ... seeks to ... when ...
be of the opinion that / take the view that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Until then, ... were of the opinion that ... were compatible with ... • ... takes the view that ... are the key to ...
have / hold an opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everybody has/holds a different opinion of ... • They held the same opinions on ... • ... tend to have a low opinion of ... (= think they are not very good) • ... generally have a higher opinion of themselves as learners than ..., according to ... (= they think that they are better)
for somebody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For ..., ... is an abstract system of rules which ... • For ..., ... play a fundamental role in ...
as far as somebody is concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As far as he was concerned, the failure showed ... • ... was a formality as far as ... was concerned.
from sb's point of view	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From their point of view, ... worked quite well. • It is important to consider the situation from the point of view of ...
To say what your opinion is about something	
give / express / voice an opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other writers have expressed similar opinions on ... • In his speech he was simply voicing an opinion that was held by ... • ... has yet to give its opinion on ...
make your views known (about something)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old people seldom have the opportunity to make their views known.
Giving Reasons	
What you say when giving reasons for something	
because	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea was rejected because ... • They were discriminated against because of ... • Because many old people ..., they are often ...
the reason (for this) is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... quickly achieved a market share of ... The reason for this is that ...
why	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one knows why the dinosaurs ... • There are many reasons why people ... • Girls mature earlier than boys. This may explain why ...
in order to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many ... steal in order to ... (= the reason they steal is so that ...)
for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most people go there for sightseeing. • ... cannot be published for legal reasons. • ... will be used for research purposes.
through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She got ... through hard work. (= because she worked very hard) • ... were lost, either through carelessness or incompetence.
as a result of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... as a result of global warming. • As a result of ..., ... can now be treated.
due to / owing to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... due to ill health. • The number of ... has declined. This is partly due to ... • Owing to lack of public interest, ...
Words meaning reason	
reason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were two main reasons for ... • ... of workers gave poor working conditions as a reason for ... • The reasons why ... are as follows. • The reason that ... is that ... • There are good reasons for believing that ...

explanation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... have offered several possible explanations for ... • No one has ever really provided a satisfactory explanation of ...
motive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may have been a political motive for ... • ... have questioned the motives behind ...
grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are strong grounds for believing that ... • The latest crime statistics provide some grounds for ... • ... was refused ... on the grounds that ... (= for that reason) • They recommended ... on purely ... grounds. (= only for ... reasons)
argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are strong environmental arguments for ... • One of the main arguments against ... is that ... • I do not agree with the argument that ... • There is little evidence to support their argument. • He was the first person to put forward this argument. (= to suggest this set of reasons)
rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All organizations need a rationale for ... • I will attempt to provide a rationale for ... • The document outlines the rationale behind ...
justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The US government's main justification for ... was that ... • There is, he states, no justification for ...
basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no scientific basis for ... • ... provided a theoretical basis for ... • Newton's work forms the basis of ...
A reason that does not seem believable	
pretext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They used ... as a pretext for ... • ... sent to prison on the flimsiest of pretexts. (= for reasons that seem very unlikely and difficult to believe) • ... went into ... under the pretext of ... (= using this as a reason)
excuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... should not be seen as an excuse for ... • The soldiers' excuse was that ... • ... are tired of listening to the same old feeble excuses. (= excuses that seem very weak and not believable)
Increasing	
To increase	
increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year, the number of ... increased by 15 percent. • The percentage of ... increased from ... to ... • ... is increasing at a rate of ... each year. • ... have increased dramatically during ... (= by a surprisingly large amount) • The ratio of X to ... has been increasing steadily. (= more X are ...)
rise / go up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... prices rose by over 10 percent. • ... went up from ... to just over ... • ... rates have risen sharply in ... (= they have increased by a large amount in a short time) • ... is rising steadily at around 2 percent a year. • ... have been rising gradually over ... • ... have gone up dramatically. (= by a surprisingly large amount)
grow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... roads continues to grow. • ... is growing by about 2.5% a year. • Since 1990, ... have grown at a rate of ...
double / triple /quadruple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 1950, the number of ... has almost doubled. • During ..., ... have tripled for men and doubled for women. • The production of ... quadrupled.
expand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After two years of no growth, ... started to expand again in ... • The report estimates that ... if ... expands from ... to ...
soar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... soared to over 100 percent. • ... sent ... prices soaring. (= made them increase to a very high level) • The X's popularity soared. (= he became extremely popular)
escalate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... costs have escalated. • The violence began to escalate and ...
To make something increase	
increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... wants to increase the number of ... • ... increases the risk of ... by almost ten times.
raise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... will either have to raise taxes or ... • The price of ... was raised to ... • ... says that it wants to raise standards in ... • ... raise the level of ...
put up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... plans to put up the price of ... by up to 20 percent. • In the long term, unless ..., ... will be forced to put up ...
double / triple / quadruple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... has more than doubled the amount of ... • ... hopes to triple the size of its ...
expand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is expanding its range of ... • Within a few months she expanded the business and ...
boost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... can boost their profits by ... • ... has boosted sales of ... • ... are helping to boost ... production using ...
extend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... wants to extend its influence in ... • ... are extending the scope of ... and are offering ...
step up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... has stepped up the pressure on ... to ... • ... is stepping up its campaign to persuade ... to ...
add to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising ... will add to the cost of ... • ... can add to the value of ... • ... only added to their problems. • Just to add to the confusion, there are several ...

An increase	
increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a significant increase in ... • ... is under threat from a massive increase in (= a very big increase) ... • ... rose by ... This represents an increase of ... compared to the previous year.
growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a huge growth in sales of ... • ... are concerned about the enormous growth in ... • The astonishing growth of ... has had a dramatic effect on ... • ... experienced a period of rapid economic growth.
rise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... show a sharp rise (= a sudden big rise) in ... • There was a ... rise in ... • ... experienced a rise in living standards. • ... showed a dramatic rise (= a surprisingly large increase) in the level of ...
build-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is causing a build-up of ... in ... , which contributes to ... • ... had a build-up of fluid on ... • The crisis led to a big military build-up. (= the size of the army was greatly increased, especially in preparation for war)
surge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a big surge in demand for ... • We have seen a tremendous surge of interest in ...
explosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... experienced a population explosion. • There has been an explosion in the number of ... • The book caused an explosion of interest in ...
boom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the German economic boom of the 1960s • the internet boom • There has been a boom in sales of ...
When something does not increase, or stops increasing	
remain constant/stay the same	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her rate of ... remained constant. • ... has remained constant for many years. • ... stayed the same.
peak / reach a peak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... peaked at 25%. • The number of ... reached its peak.
level off / out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... levelled off in ... after months of continued growth. • Statistics show that the number of ... appears to be levelling off at ...
Linking Parts Of A Sentence	
Words meaning 'and' or 'also'	
and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She studied ... and ... at university. • ... was checked and then rechecked. • His stay in ... was both ... and ...
also	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking causes ... It has also been linked to ... • Although most of her books are for ..., she also writes for ... • ... consist not only of ... but also of ... (= used when you want to emphasize that something else is also important)
too / as well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is cheap. It is good for ... too. • ... began to affect... They affected ... as well.
in addition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fifth of the world's population lives on less than \$1 a day. In addition, ... • Over 600 people will lose their jobs, in addition to the 400 people who left ... • In addition to being a major ... producer, ... is home to over ...
furthermore / moreover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... has strong side effects. Furthermore, it can be addictive. (= the writer is adding another fact to persuade the reader that ...) • There is no evidence to link ... with ... Moreover, ... has still not been found. • Ireland's economy has grown far faster than ... Moreover, inflation ...
not to mention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As he got older, his films became ..., not to mention ... • ... cause so much environmental damage through ... , not to mention the danger ...
Words meaning 'because'	
because	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are leaving the countryside because ... • The streets were flooded because of ... • Because of the use of ..., there are fewer ...
due to/owing to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The delay was due to ... • Local authorities have been slow to build ..., mainly owing to ... • The men did most of ... This was partly due to the fact that ... • Due to the danger of ..., people are advised not to ...
through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She succeeded through her own efforts. • They managed to ..., partly through ... and partly through ... • ... are lost each year through ...
thanks to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today, thanks to the Internet, ... • Thanks to advances in modern medicine, ... • ... survived the war, mainly thanks to the help of ...
since(also as British English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As it was a hot day, they decided to leave ... • Since it is difficult to predict how ... will change, ...
in view of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The court decided that in view of his age, ... • In view of all the research on the subject, it seems strange that ... • ... do not want to change from the pound to the Euro. This may seem surprising in view of the fact that ...
out of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He started ... out of curiosity. • She asked the question out of politeness. • Out of desperation, he tried to ...

Words meaning 'but' or 'although'	
but	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plant's leaves are big, but ... • ... are fascinating but often rather ... • ... are basically simple, but they can take a long time to prepare. • Most of us value human life, but some people ...
although	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although you are in the middle of the city, you feel as if ... • ... is still in good working order, although ... • Although ... causes ..., it has a relatively small effect on ...
however / nevertheless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... was incredibly successful in the 1980s. Since then, however, ... • ... is a long way from the nearest big city. However, there is ... • ... suggested that there was a link between ... and ... Nevertheless, the results ... • It was very hard ..., but the work was satisfying nevertheless.
whereas/while	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxes make up ... of the price of ... in France, whereas in Britain, the tax is ... • Some people ... once every few weeks, while others ... • Whereas in most of the world ..., in the UK and Japan ...
by contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The surface temperature on Venus is higher than ... Mars, by contrast, ... • ... shows that 26% of female ... By contrast, only 3% of male ...
yet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last summer there was a drought, yet some people ... • We all know that ... is important for good health. And yet all the ... is removed from ...
even so	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is distinctly English. Even so, the sale drew a lot of American interest. • ... continues to do well, but even so, many analysts are predicting ...
in spite of / despite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was ... that weighed only ... tons, in spite of being some ... long. • In spite of everything that has happened, life is still ... • Despite his lack of formal education, he became ... • Many people are worried that ..., despite the fact that most of the research suggests that ...
Words meaning 'if'	
if	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the X' predictions are correct, average global temperatures ... • He faced ... if the court found ... • The report said that ... if the correct safety procedures ... • Most countries are prepared to ... , if necessary, to protect ... • The patient should be ... , if possible. • The injury needed If not, infection could ... • The British authorities could not help, even if ...
unless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless something is done quickly, developing countries will fall even further behind Western countries. • The star is really difficult to see unless the sky ... • The doctors said they could not treat the boy unless and until ...
whether or not	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research showed that six out of 10 patients got better on their own, whether or not ... • Whether or not you agree with ... , her articles are always ...
otherwise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee needs to act quickly, otherwise ... • ... are certainly glad that the tourists are there. Otherwise there would be no ...
in case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... have to take out insurance to protect themselves in case ... • It is best to keep a medical kit ready in case of ... • She did not think it would rain, but she took her umbrella just in case.
assuming that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assuming that ..., the world population is likely to ... • This sort of floor covering can be laid ..., assuming that ...
as long as / provided that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... are perfectly healthy, provided that you take care to ... • As long as ... , people will continue to ...
on condition that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was offered the job on condition that ... • The painting was sold on condition that ...
in the event of / that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines have been issued to ... on what to do in the event of ... • In the event of ..., people are advised to ... • In the event that ... , his future as ... would be in doubt.
Words meaning 'in order to'	
in order to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some people ... in order to ... • In order to ..., he carried out ... • ... need ... in order to survive. • The speech was changed in order not to ...
so (that)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers need to ... so that they can keep up with the latest advances in technology. • ... use ... so that they can ... • ... are designed so that you can ...
for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She went into ... for ... • Some people ... for ..., while others ... because ... • The land is used for ...
with the aim of doing something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... was built with the aim of ... • Talks were held in ... with the aim of ...
with a view to doing something	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They wanted to establish closer links with ..., with a view to ... • ... were genetically modified, with a view to ...
Words meaning 'or'	
or	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important not to ... on ... or ... • Payment can be made by ... or ... • There is very little difference between the two ..., either in size or color.

alternatively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can go ... Alternatively, you can ... For a master's degree, ... is normally required, or alternatively ...
on the one hand ... on the other (hand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the one hand, the internet gives students access to information on ... On the other, there is a lot of material on the internet that is very unsuitable for students. On the one hand, it is important not to limit individual freedom too much, but on the other hand, people have the right to be able to live their lives in peace.
Words meaning 'therefore'	
therefore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She already had a lot of ... and therefore seemed ... Many old people have ... It is not surprising, therefore, that they ... The Japanese writing system ... Therefore, it takes a long time to ...
so	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They had not ..., so they were ... Questions have been raised over ..., and so they are being withdrawn from ...
thus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... died out within a short period of time. Thus it seems likely that ... The program is ... and thus easy to ...
hence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This material is highly ..., hence the importance of sound very similar. Hence they are often confused with each other.
as a result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... suffer from stress at work and become ... as a result. The farmer could not ... and, as a result, he had grown only ... compared to ... Economic growth slowed down as a result of inflation. As a result of ..., she was forced to ...
consequently / as a consequence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The disease attacks ..., the flower does not ..., and consequently ... More people are using ..., and as a consequence many ... have been severely reduced. As a consequence of ..., our climate is remains forever in ... Consequently, this year's ... pollution will add to that of all previous years.
for this reason / for these reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She was not very ... For this reason, she did not care much for sport or physical activities. If you live in ..., ... is very expensive and ... For these and other reasons, more and more people are choosing to ...
with the result that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... were completely re-equipped in ..., with the result that we now have the most modern facilities in were increased, with the result that people had to work harder if they wanted to maintain their standard of living.
this means that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childcare is very expensive. This means that many women cannot afford to ... If students ..., this can mean that ...
thereby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... were merged, thereby creating a single ... If ... are properly ..., we need to use less ..., thereby cutting the cost of ...
accordingly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too much ... can be harmful to ... Accordingly, on this diet you are allowed only ... He had disobeyed an order from ..., and accordingly he was dismissed from ...
Listing & Ordering	
What you say when ordering a group of things that you want to mention	
firstly / first	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two main reasons why ... Firstly, it ... Secondly, it offers ... The ... show, firstly, that ...; secondly, that ...; and lastly, that ... This essay seeks to answer the following questions. First, ...? Second, ...?
first of all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content of ... must, first of all, be useful to the reader. People are living longer for several reasons. First of all, there have been enormous advances in medical science. Secondly, our diets are now much healthier.
secondly / second	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many people are concerned about the problems associated with ... Firstly, what do you do with ...? Secondly, how can we prevent ... from ...?
thirdly / third	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are many things we can do to help protect ... First of all, we can Secondly, we can ... Thirdly, we need to develop new sources of energy which cause less ...
in the first / second / third place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... have completely changed the way we work. In the first place, they have made it possible ... They also allow people in different parts of the world to ...
then / next	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First, we added ... to ..., then we ... Take the fish and ... Next, place it in a medium hot oven for ... When you receive ..., you need to check that ... Then you need to ...
in addition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... have been linked to obesity. In addition, studies have shown that ... can cause behavioral problems in young children.
furthermore / moreover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to keep the price of ... down, we have used fewer ... than we wanted to. Furthermore, ..., which means that often have a great deal of experience to offer. Moreover, they are extremely reliable and less likely to ...
lastly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... has become very popular, firstly for its ..., secondly because of ..., and lastly because ... There are many reasons why ... First of all, ... Secondly, ... Lastly, ...
finally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finally, I would like to suggest some possible solutions to the problem.
one last / final point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One final point to remember is that although ... is usually good for health, ... can actually cause permanent damage to ...

Ways of introducing a list of reasons, causes, points etc	
there are several / there are a number of ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are several points to keep in mind when ...: ..., always be ..., and make sure that you use are more likely to suffer from depression than ... There are a number of reasons for this.
as follows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives of the study are as follows: firstly to find out whether there was a demand for ..., and secondly to establish how much people were willing to ... The facts are as follows. ... was shot by ... While ... was being held in custody, he was shot by ...
the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following ... are high in fat: butter, ..., ..., and any kind of ... The following is a brief summary of the main sources of ...
Making Generalizations	
Ways of saying that something is true about most people or things	
most	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most people would agree that ... In most cases ... makes ... Most of (= most people or things in a group) the ... are ... Most of the ... supports this point of view. The ... speak ... most of the time when ...
mostly / mainly / largely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The people who ... are mostly ... The ... are mostly for ... Apart from ..., ... is mostly desert. ... were mainly young people in their teens. ... mainly affects ... Their attempts were largely unsuccessful. Half of the country's people faced ..., largely as a result of ...
predominantly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... has traditionally been a predominantly male profession. (= most ... are men) At that time ... was a predominantly ... society. ... predominantly affects middle-aged ...
almost all / nearly all / virtually all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment rates went up in almost ... The study found that in almost all cases ... were satisfied with has to import almost all of ... Nearly all the ... interviewed said that they are worried about is found in virtually all ...
the majority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The majority of ... are never reported to ... The vast majority of ... are ... (= almost all ... are ...)
in general	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ..., in general, are just as good at ... as ... In general, ... from poor families are less likely to ... In general, ... are more flexible.
generally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, part-time workers receive lower wages than full-time workers. ... generally are living longer. ... is generally regarded as the father of ... It is now generally accepted that even ... carries a health risk.
generally speaking / broadly speaking / as a rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally speaking, ... are less likely to ... People in ... are, generally speaking, not very well informed about ... As a rule, ... have ..., all roughly the same shape. The surface of ..., broadly speaking, can be divided into ...
for the most part	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These problems have, for the most part, been resolved. For the most part, ... welcomed the plan.
by and large / in the main / on the whole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... was by and large a success. On the whole, ... worked well. ... on the whole were very friendly. ... are, in the main, portraits.
To say that something is true about most people or things	
generalize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is clearly a mistake to generalize from only a few ... It is difficult to generalize about ..., because there are over 40,000 ... in ...
generalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... try to make generalizations about ..., based on the best available evidence. A lot of misleading generalizations have been made about ... English people love ... As a broad generalization, there is much truth in this statement. (= a generalization which has many exceptions, but which gives you a general idea about a group of people or things) When people say things like "the theatre is for everyone", this seems rather a sweeping generalization. (= a statement that seems exaggerated and likely to be wrong)
Problems & Solutions	
Problems	
problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... faced enormous economic and social problems after is a serious problem in ... A special force was set up to try to deal with the problem of ... The sooner ... is solved (= successfully dealt with), the better. ... needs to do more to help tackle the problem (= deal with the problem) of ... It is in everyone's interest to address the problem (= find ways of solving the problem) of say that they have fixed all the ... problems that could have caused believes that the root of the problem lies (= the origin of the problem is) in ... Problems can arise (= problems can happen) when people try to ... without ...

issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is the biggest issue (= the most important issue) facing the world today. Security is an important issue when failed to address (= try to deal with) social issues such as ... The issue can only be resolved (= be successfully dealt with) through is a highly controversial issue (= one that causes a lot of public argument and disagreement) in could be a key issue (= a very important issue) at ...
challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is one of the biggest challenges in science. She said she was looking forward to the challenge of knows that it faces huge challenges if it is to ...
difficulty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... has managed to overcome (= deal with) its recent ... difficulties. Many ... experience difficulty in ... at some time in their lives. ... ran into difficulty (= started to have difficulties) because of lack of is fraught with difficulty (= involves a lot of difficulties).
trouble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trouble was caused by ... They had trouble finding often have trouble with ran into trouble (= started to have problems) when it ...
complication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... should finish in ..., provided that there are no more complications. ... knew it would be a difficult ... A further complication (= another complication) was that ...
setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... suffered a major setback when ... Despite some early setbacks, ... was successful.
obstacle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... are the biggest obstacle to ... The lack of ... is an enormous obstacle to women's participation in the work force. There are still some major ... obstacles to overcome (= to deal with).
pitfall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... shows you how to avoid the usual pitfalls when ... The most common pitfall when ... is should explain to ... the potential pitfalls (= the problems that could happen) of investing in ...
dilemma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... were faced with a moral dilemma. Should they carry out the operation, when ...? ... found himself in a dilemma over ... On the one hand, he did not want to risk ..., but on the other he could not allow ...
vicious circle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some developing countries get caught in a vicious circle. They cannot afford to pay, and so the debts get even bigger. Stress at work can create a vicious circle. If you feel stressed and under pressure, you take longer to do your job, and because you take longer you become more stressed.
Small problems	
teething problems / troubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With any ..., there are likely to be one or two teething problems at first. There have been some teething troubles with ...
hitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everything went well on ... except for one or two slight hitches with ... The plan went off without a hitch. (= There were no problems)
snag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only snag with going on holiday in ... is the cost. There are one or two little snags that needed to ... Almost immediately after they began ..., they hit a series of snags. (= they had to deal with a number of small problems)
Solutions	
solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... have been trying to find a solution to the ... crisis for many years now. In this essay, I shall consider the main causes of the problem of ..., and try to put forward (= suggest) some possible solutions. Unless ... can come up with a solution (= think of a solution) quickly, we may soon run out of sources of energy. When people become too old to look after themselves, the ideal solution is for other members of their family to look after them. If you have difficulty V+ing, you need to identify the factors ... and deal with them. That is the only effective long-term solution. There was no easy solution to ... (= there was no easy way of dealing with it)
answer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some people believe that the only answer to the problem of ... is to ... It would be mistaken to think that ... can always provide an answer to ... There are no easy answers to the problem of have been struggling with ... for a long time, but no one has yet come up with an answer. (= thought of an answer)
way out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... are trying to find a way out of the crisis. ... seemed to be no way out of her difficulties.
cure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only cure for ... is to make it easier for ... to ... Unfortunately, there is no miracle cure for ... (= there is nothing that will immediately make the situation better) ... is not a cure for all ... ills. (= a cure for all ... problems)
remedy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expensive hi-tech remedies are often useless to ... A number of remedies have been suggested, but so far none of them ...

prescription	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their prescription for dealing with ... in ... is to ..., instead of ... The X' main prescription for ... seems to be to ...
panacea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is not a universal panacea. (= it cannot solve all our problems) Some people think that ... is a panacea for ... (= something that will solve all our problems) Furthermore, ... has rarely been the panacea for ... that had been hoped.
quick fix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no quick fix to has warned that quick fix ... could potentially be more ... than the problem itself.
magic bullet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no magic bullet for dealing with ... Although a magic bullet for ... is still not likely any time soon, researchers are ...
Quoting People	
Ways of quoting what someone has said	
say	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John F. Kennedy once famously said ... In their report, they say that they see no reason to ...
write	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... wrote that ... was "a land of magnificent possibilities - ..."
point out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... points out that "All ... show some degree of antisocial behavior". As ... points out in her book, ... used in ... have a devastating effect on ...
note / remark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... notes that not all ... have ... As ... has remarked, ..., on the whole, have not achieved ... equality with men in ...
observe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... observed that ... spend much of ... to ... As ... once observed, ... can be equally difficult to deal with.
state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... states that "work expands to ..." As ... states, verbal behavior develops according to the same principles as any other behavior.
argue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rousseau argued that ... As ... Said argues: ... gained in strength and identity by ...
conclude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... concludes that ... should constantly try to ... and achieve ...
claim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some people have claimed that claimed to have found a cure for the disease.
according to...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to a recent survey by ..., ... said they thought ... was doing a good job. ... need at least ..., according to ...
in the words of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the words of one professor, ... is not to ..., but to train the imagination.
Referring	
Referring to an earlier part of an essay, report etc	
above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the above diagram. ... often have difficulty with ..., as the above example shows. ... is described above. For more information, see above.
previous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results of ... were discussed in a previous section. (= one of the sections before this one) As was mentioned in the previous chapter, (= the chapter immediately before this one) these changes occurred over ...
preceding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the preceding ages, she describes... ... were mentioned in the preceding ...
earlier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is extremely important, therefore, to follow ... that we described earlier in ... As was mentioned earlier, at that time most people ... As outlined earlier, an alternative theory was becoming ...
as has been seen/it has been seen that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The former method is probably more likely to ... It has been seen that there are a number of problems with ...
the former	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... is probably more likely to produce a successful result. There were two possible ways of ...: ..., or ... The government chose the former.
the latter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some people think ... Others say that ... I would take the latter view. The people are either ... or ... The latter regard ... as ...
Referring to a later part of an essay, report etc	
below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See below for further details. The reasons that ... are discussed below. Below is a short account of the events that ...
the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the following example. It is important to remember the following ... Make sure that ... has the following: ..., ..., ..., and ... The following are some of the things that ...
as follows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The three elements are as follows: ..., ..., and ...
there follows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There follows a simple example of ...
over page / overleaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This sound is produced with ... (see diagram over page). More than ... will be sold over ..., worth more than ... (see chart overleaf).
see over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information, see over. ... was awarded ... for his work on ... (see over).
as we shall see	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As we shall see later, their views differ in ... This idea is probably wrong, as we shall see.
Referring to another piece of work	
see	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a more extensive discussion, see Eysenck (1979). See ... send (1971, pp. 120–9) for an interesting analysis of ...

as somebody says / notes / remarks / points out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As ... points out, this process is influenced by environmental factors. • It is important to remember, as ... says, "the main difference between ... is that ..."
cf.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often a male speaker will use ... when addressing a woman (cf. Trudgill 1986). • Very few linguists have produced analyses that ... (but cf. Halliday, 1973).
op. cit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been much discussion concerning ... (see also Gomblich, op. cit., p63-94)
ibid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half of these countries have incomes between ... (ibid: p63).
loc. cit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to ... (loc. cit.) the statue had disappeared, and ...
pp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See also ..., pp. 54-55
Related / Unrelated	
Ways of saying that two things are related	
related / connected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... are closely related to each other. • Some people think that ... are connected in some way with ...
linked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... are linked with an increased risk of ... • Individual performance is linked to ... • Two closely linked factors produced this result. • ... and ... are inextricably linked. (= they are so closely linked that they cannot be considered separately)
(there is a) connection / link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... suggests that there is a direct connection between ... and ... • Studies in ... showed that there was a link between ... and ...
(there is a) correlation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... claims to have discovered a direct correlation between ... and ... • It is a well-known fact that there is a strong correlation between ... and ... • Numerous studies have shown a consistent negative correlation between ... and ... (= ... are less likely to ...) There is a significant positive correlation between ... and ... (= people who ... are more likely to ...)
Interrelated / interconnected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... said that all ... is interrelated. • ... consists of a series of interconnected ...
interdependent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parts of ... are interdependent. • The economies of ... and ... were closely interdependent.
associated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... discovered a gene associated with ... • ... and associated ... have risen significantly over ...
be bound up with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your sense of ... as a person is closely bound up with ... • ... is inextricably bound up with ... (= they are so closely linked that they cannot be considered separately)
go together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... and ... go together. • ... and high unemployment usually go together.
Related to what is being discussed	
relevant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His work is particularly relevant to ... • ... will look at all the relevant facts before ... • ... should be educated ..., and have several years' relevant experience.
pertinent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... was first published in ..., but its findings are still pertinent to ... • ... raises a pertinent question. Why should we ...?
germane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chapters which are germane to the topic are ... • These questions are especially germane in ..., where researchers ...
have a bearing on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At first, it was difficult to see how ... had any bearing on ... • Advances in ... are likely to have a huge bearing on ...
to the point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is always ... and to the point. • ... is one of the essential parts of ... More to the point, ...
Not related	
not related to / not connected with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... and ... have provided clear evidence that ... and ... are not related. • The effectiveness of ... was not related to ... • ... were not connected with each other.
unrelated / unconnected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research has shown that ... is unrelated to ... • The two ... were apparently unconnected with ... • She had to ... for an unrelated ... problem. (= a ... problem that was not connected to another problem that had been mentioned)
there is no relation / no connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies have shown that there is no relation between how much ... and how much ... • There is clearly no connection between ... and ...
bear no relation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This belief bears no relation to ...
separate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of ... is an entirely separate issue. • ... was kept separate from other functions of ...
discrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is broken down into discrete ... • For ..., all ... is continuous, and there are no discrete particles of ... • ... is discrete from ... and ...
distinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... contains two distinct types of ... • ... fall into three entirely distinct categories. • He is suffering from ..., as distinct from ... (= used when you want to emphasize that you are referring to a particular thing and not another very)

Not related to what you are discussing	
irrelevant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question of ... is largely irrelevant. • He spends too much time ... on irrelevant details. • Most members of ... see ... as simply irrelevant to ...
have nothing to do with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... has nothing to do with ... • The reasons why they want to ... have nothing to do with ...
have no bearing on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... had no bearing on the outcome of ... • ... should have no bearing on his suitability for ...
be beyond / outside the scope of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These ... are outside the scope of ... • A detailed examination of ... is beyond the scope of ...
Showing & Proving	
To show that something is true	
show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent survey by ... showed that ... were satisfied with ... • They wanted to show to people how well ...
prove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These documents prove that ... • Lind proved that eating ... could prevent ... from ... • He was able to prove his theory to ...
demonstrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... was to demonstrate the effectiveness of ... • It has been demonstrated that even ... can damage ...
something can be seen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... can be seen in the following ... • As can be seen in Table 1, ... • ... is extremely well made. Evidence of this can be seen in ...
be evidence of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some people think that this research is evidence of ... • In the past, ... were much more common in ... The ... is evidence of that.
be symptomatic of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... were symptomatic of a widespread feeling of ...
reveal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent survey revealed that ... • The inquiry revealed how hundreds of children ...
confirm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest research confirms the view that ... • Several surveys have confirmed that ...
support/back up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our research supports this view. • ... produced no evidence to back up ... • Recent ... discoveries seem to support the idea that ...
corroborate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is needed to corroborate the results of this study before ... • Her evidence was corroborated by ...
validate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our data is collected and validated by a team of ... • We know that some scientists ... in order to validate their claims. • Before ... can be validated, it needs to pass a further test, which ...
substantiate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The investigation substantiated allegations made by ... • ... used to substantiate this claim is drawn from ...
To show that something is likely	
suggest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This suggests that humans existed on earth ... • Recent research strongly suggests that ...
indicate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... indicate that more and more people are ... • Investigations by ... have indicated that ...
imply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... reports imply that together these two subjects should ... • This implies that a vast number of ..., each having equal reality.
there is some evidence that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is some evidence that foods rich in ... may give protection against ...
give the impression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textbooks often give the impression that ... is about ... • The report gives the impression of ...
lead to the conclusion that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All these arguments lead to the conclusion that ...
To show that something is untrue	
disprove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results of ... seemed to disprove ... • Some people think that ... Scientific studies have clearly disproved this idea.
contradict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study conducted at ... contradicts the results of ... • ... appears to contradict this hypothesis.
refute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... attempts to refute X's theory have failed. • Her research refutes the idea that ...
invalidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... believe that X's ideas have been invalidated by ... • Problems with the way ... invalidated their findings. • ... would easily confirm or invalidate such reports.
demolish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... was able to demolish many of X's arguments about ... • ... demolished the widely held belief that ...
Study & Research	
To study something in order to try to find out more about it	
study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientists are studying what causes ... • ... studied how ... could be trained to ... • ... has been studying the relationship between ...
do / carry out / conduct research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... are finding it difficult to get the funding they need to do basic research. • The research was carried out by ... • ... is conducting research into how to ... • ... has been carrying out research into the effects of ...
research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She spent her life researching the causes of ... • The book is well researched. (= the writer has studied this subject very carefully and thoroughly)

investigate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... are still investigating what caused ... • ... first began to investigate the effects of ... • ... has been investigating the environmental impact of ...
examine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... and ... have been examining different methods of ... • The aim of the research is to examine how ... affect their choice of career in later life.
evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best way to evaluate any treatment is ... • ... will evaluate the relative costs and benefits of ...
analyze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... scientists have been analyzing the latest data (= information obtained) about ... • In a recent study, researchers analyzed the results of ...
The work of studying something	
study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study showed that 25 percent of ... • Recent studies suggest that ... • Of ... patients who took part in the study, ... said • In one study of almost 80,000 ..., researchers found that ...
research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... have been spent on research into the causes and treatment of ... • ... has been a leading center for research in ... • Recent research suggests that ... • In his research, he showed that ...
work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is famous for his work on ... • A lot of work has been done on ... • Their work had an enormous influence on ...
experiment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... carried out a series of experiments in order to ... • Experiments have shown that there is ... • In his experiment, he only analyzed ... • ... think that there should be a ban on experiments on ...
test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A simple blood test will show whether ... • ... did some tests to find out if ... • ... must undergo tests (= have tests) to make sure that ... • Tests have shown that ...
trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is currently undergoing clinical trials in ... (= it is being tested by medical researchers there) • ... were asked to carry out trials (= do trials) of ...
A piece of writing by someone who is studying a subject	
essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every student on ... will have to write at least one essay on ... • In this essay, I will attempt to explain ... • As was mentioned earlier in this essay, ... • In his essay, he compares the theories of ... • ... published collection of essays on ...
paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul has to write a paper on ... • ... published over forty scientific papers on ... • She gave a paper on (= gave a talk on) ... at a conference in ...
dissertation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In ..., students have to write ... word dissertation on a topic that ... • This dissertation will focus on ...
thesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He wrote his doctoral thesis on ... • ... research her master's thesis on ... • ... is writing her thesis on ...
The results of someone's research	
results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results of ... are shown in ... • The results of the study showed that ... • It is expected that the results of ... will have important implications for ...
findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her findings show that ... • ... published the findings of a report into ... • Among its findings, the report mentioned that ...
conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report's main conclusion was that ... • ... have reached similar conclusions. • Critics complained that this conclusion was based on ... • ... challenged the conclusions of the report.
Subjects & Topics	
Ways of saying what the subject of something is	
about	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book is about ... • In ..., she writes about ... • ... are still trying to answer the great questions about ...
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... has written a number of ... on this subject. • ... has published its annual report on ...
on the subject of / on the topic of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... have been written on the subject of ... • She gave a series of lectures on the topic of ...
concerning / regarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The laws concerning ... will need to be reviewed. • ... raises a number of important questions regarding ...
with regard to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dear Sir, I am writing with regard to ... • ... has adopted a tough approach with regard to ... • With regard to ..., it is likely that ...
deal with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will deal with the issue of ... • ... deals with Italian art in ...
be concerned with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is concerned with the relationship between ...
focus on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this essay, I will focus on ... • The study focuses on ... and ... consequences of ... • She chose to focus on ... for ...
tell the story of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... tells the story of a trip to ... • Snow White tells the story of a ... and ...

Words meaning subject	
subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main subject of the book is ... • ... deals with a range of different subjects in ... • ... have been written on this subject. • ... was the subject of a ...
topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The course covers topics such as ... • ... continues to be a major topic of discussion.
theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... is a common theme in his work. • One of the main themes of ... is the importance of ... • ... is a recurring theme (= a theme that appears often) in ...
issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with ... is one of the biggest issues facing ... • ... raises a number of important issues. (= it brings these issues to people's attention) • ... is a major issue in ... • ... remains a highly controversial issue.
question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... try to find the answers to these questions for ... • ... However, this also raises the question of (= it makes you want to discuss this question) ... • ... addresses some fundamental questions about ...
matter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... have little experience in these matters. • Various matters were dealt with ... • an expert on financial matters • ... held strong views on religious matters. • ... do not want to discuss personal matters with ... • ... do not think that ... is very important, but in fact it is a serious matter. • ... gets right to the heart of the matter. (= the most important part of a subject)