

USEFUL PHRASES FOR WRITING REPORTS

Opening the introduction

- The purpose of this report is to...
- I have written this report to...
- This report has been written in order to...

Explaining what you did in order to write the report

- In order to prepare this report...
- To do so, I...
- The data in this report was obtained by...
- In order to help make this decision,...
- ... asked/ discussed/ gave out a questionnaire/ surveyed...

Giving the most important information

- The main/ most important/ biggest/ most significant...

Contrasting

- However,...
- In contrast,...
- Although ..., ...

Reporting what people said

- A few/ Some/ Many/ Most/ The majority of/ Almost all the people said/ reported/ complained/ recommended/ believed/ thought/ claimed...
- ... are concerned/ worried/ surprised...

Giving more information

- In addition.../ ...also...
- The second most important/ biggest/ most significant...
- Another/ An additional/ A further...

Summarizing

- Although reactions were mixed, on the whole...
- On balance,...
- It can be seen from the data/ reactions/ information above that...
- Looking at all the things people said, on the whole...
- Taking everyone's comments into consideration,...
- Despite the... above, in general it is clear that...
- Overall,...

Concluding

- For this reason,...
- Due to this,...
- Therefore,...

Recommendations

- I (strongly) recommend/ my recommendation is to/ it is recommended that...

Don't forget to include headings for different sections and bullet points!