

雅思写作结构语言工具箱

Stating Your Opinion 发表你的意见

In my opinion,	According to me,
In my view,	To me,
From my point of view,	I think
It seems to me that	I believe
From my perspective	To my way of thinking
It appears that	I suppose
I realize	I understand
I imagine	I feel

Giving Examples 给出例子

For example,	For instance,
such as	In other words,
as	like
that is	namely
To illustrate	To paraphrase

Comparing 比较, 对照

Similar to	As...as
in common	also
Either...or	In the same way,
Neither...nor	At the same time
Just as	resemble

Contrasting 形成对比

However,	But
On the contrary,	On the other hand,
Differ from	Nevertheless
Although	Though
Otherwise	Instead
Alternatively,	Even though

Generalizing 概括, 推论

Generally,	Generally speaking,
Overall,	On the whole,
In general,	By and large,
It seems to me that	I believe
All in all,	Basically,
Essentially,	As a rule,
All things considered	For the most part

Expressing Certainty 表示肯定

Certainly,	Undoubtedly,
Doubtless,	No doubt,
Definitely,	Of course,

Expressing Partial Agreement 表示部分同意

More or less,	To some extent,
Up to a point,	Almost,
In a way,	So to speak,

Explain the reason 说明原因

Due to	Because
Because of	Owing to

Get the results 得出结果

There fore,	As a result,
Consequently,	For this reason,
Thus,	So,
thereby	Eventually,
Hence,	The reason why

Adduce 引证, 理由

First,	Last
Second,	Lastly,
Third,	Then,
Firstly,	First of all,
Secondly,	Before
Thirdly,	After
During	While
To begin with	At the same time
Simultaneously	After this / that
Since	Meanwhile
Afterwards	Following this
When	As soon as

Adding Information 补充内容

Furthermore	In addition
Also	And

Moreover	Similarly
Likewise	As well as
Besides	Too
Even	What's more

Expressing condition 表明条件

If	Whether
In case	Unless
Provided that	So that

Concluding 得出结论

To summarize	In conclusion
Lastly,	Finally,
To conclude with,	In short,

Structure vocabulary for IELTS essays

Impersonal points of view

These are useful both in the introduction for restating the question and in the main body for introducing the main arguments in an impersonal way.

There are those who say that

Many commentators are of the view that

A common opinion is that

A popular belief is that

It is often said that

One argument put forward is that

It can be argued that

It is generally accepted that

Personal opinions

These phrases for expressing personal opinions are particularly useful in conclusions, where you are much more likely to be personal. They are also of use in the introductions in opinion based essays.

My personal view is that

It seems to me that
 I tend to believe that
 I am of the opinion that
 I would argue that
 In my experience

Commenting

A second category of opinion language is showing the strength of your opinion. This language can be used either with personal opinions or more impersonal opinions

Of course,
 Naturally,
 Evidently,

Generalizing – making your writing look academic and more cautious

Part of the academic process - and IELTS is at least partly academic - is to generalise appropriately. This language is needed to soften statements which would be too strong.

Generally speaking,
 On the whole,
tends.....
 Typically,
 By and large
tends.....
 ..may/might/could.....
 Often/frequently/sometimes/usually

Explaining opinions

Sometimes it is sensible to restate an opinion with a further explanation. This is particularly relevant in the main body of an essay when you have introduced a complex point or argument.

What this means is
 In other words,
 That is to say
 To be more precise
 In fact,

Using examples to explain

The language of examples is highly relevant in IELTS essays as it allows you to explain with real life examples abstract ideas. The rubric of the essay almost always includes the words “support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence”.

For example,
 For instance,
 A good illustration of this is
 If we take an example
 Evidence for this is provided by
 We can see this when

Explaining cause and stating effect

The language of cause and effect is another way to expand on your main points. Equally, you can use the language of “reason” to say why.

One reason for this is

The immediate cause of this

One of the causes of this is

This has resulted in

As a result,

This has led to

Concluding

Evidently, this language is needed in the conclusion of the essay.

To summarise

In conclusion

On balance,

This is a complex issue with no clear answers

If we look at both sides of the argument