

Useful expressions and vocabulary for tutorial

a) Saying what the text is and where it has been taken from.

This text is (an extract from / a passage from) a newspaper / magazine article printed in(+ title of the newspaper / magazine) on the (+ date) / in (+ year).

E.g. This text is an extract from a newspaper article printed in The Telegraph on 7th December 2004.

b) Talking about the content.

The article / extract / entitled (+title)	is about <i>parle de, concerne</i> deals with <i>traite de, parle de</i> tells us about <i>nous raconte</i> tells us how to <i>nous dit comment</i> tells the story of <i>nous raconte l'histoire de</i> describes <i>décrit</i>
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The main idea of the passage is *l'idée principale du passage est..*

XXX...is a topical issue/... is a topic of current interest : *est un sujet d'actualité*

XXX.....is a burning issue *est un sujet brûlant*

c) Linking your ideas together.

Firstly..... secondlythirdly..... and finally.....

First of all then and lastly.....

d) Presenting the writer's / journalist's ideas.

The journalist	believes that <i>croit que</i> thinks that <i>pense que</i> insists on the fact that <i>insiste que</i> disagrees with <i>n'est pas d'accord avec</i> agrees with <i>est d'accord avec</i>
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According to the journalist / writer *selon le journaliste / écrivain*

As the writer puts it, "....." *comme dit l'auteur "....."*

The author, to quote his own words, says that "....." *L'auteur pour citer ses propres paroles dit que....*

The journalist sums up *Le journaliste résume*

e) Giving your own opinion or interpretation.

I think that *je pense / je crois*
I don't agree with him / her / you / this idea *je ne suis pas d'accord avec*
I think he's wrong / right *je pense qu'il a raison / tort*
In my opinion, *à mon avis,*
This reminds me of *ceci me fait penser à*
As I see it *tel que je le vois*

f) Linking, contradicting, adding, agreeing.

Nevertheless *néanmoins, cependant, toutefois*
However *pourtant, toutefois*
So *donc, ainsi, comme ça, de cette façon*
What's more *de plus*
But *mais, seulement, pourtant, sauf, excepté*
Because *parce que*
That's why *c'est pour cette raison que..*
To emphasise *mettre l'accent sur....*
To highlight *mettre en valeur / mettre l'accent sur*
To point out *attirer l'attention sur...*
Whereas *tandis que*
Although *bien que*
Despite *malgré*
On the one hand on the other hand *d'une part..... d'autre part*
Instead of *à la place de*
Unless *à moins que*
Therefore *donc*
Besides *de plus*

g) Concluding.

To conclude I would like to say that *Pour conclure j'aimerais dire que.....*

To finish I would just like to add that.....*Pour terminer j'aimerais ajouter que ...*

The last point I would like to make is*Mon dernier propos sera ...*

Lastly I would like to point out that ... *Finalement j'aimerais attirer l'attention sur*

To sum up *En résumé.....*