

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE – LINKING WORDS / PHRASES

WAYS OF ...

SHOWING CONTRAST

by / in contrast
conversely
however
in spite of / despite
as opposed to
on the contrary
nonetheless
though / although / even though
on the other hand

nevertheless
contrary to
in contrast with / to
despite the fact that
in spite of the fact that
while / whereas
yet, still, but
regardless of the fact that ...
alternatively

However,
On the other hand,
In contrast
Nonetheless,

} there are those who claim ...

Yet,
But,
However,

} I would still say that ...

In spite of / Despite the argument that ...
It may be the case that ... but all too often
Regardless of the fact that ...

Opponents of ... believe that ...
While it may be true to say that ... , in fact ...
I strongly disagree that ...

INTRODUCING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

On the one hand, ... On the other hand, ...
The main / (dis)advantage / drawback of ... is
Another negative aspect of ...
One problem that cannot be overlooked is ...
To my mind, the most significant advantage / benefit of ... is ...
A further / An additional advantage of ... is ...
Another criticism of ... is ...
It could be argued that ...
One of the most obvious benefits / drawbacks of ... is ...
Another positive aspect is ...
One point in favor of ... is ...

EXPRESSING OPINION

It is my (firm) belief that ...

I am of the opinion that ...

As far as I am concerned, ...

To my way of thinking, ...

Many people maintain that ...

Nevertheless, there are those who insist that ...

It is widely believed that ...

One commonly held view is that ...

It appears to me that ...

It strikes me that ...

To my mind,

I am inclined to believe that ...

Some people reason that ...

There are those who argue that ...

Some people point out that ...

SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS

Action / Measures should be taken to ...

If people made an effort to ...

The situation could be improved if ...

A useful suggestion would be to ...

If you were to ...

The problem could be solved by ...

By + (ing)

If steps / measures were taken to ...

Another solution is to ...

One possible
Another possible
An alternative

} way to

deal / cope with
solve
overcome
handle

} this situation ...

STATING THE POSSIBLE RESULTS – CONSEQUENCES

As a result / consequence, ...

Consequently,

Thus

In this way

The effect / outcome / result of ... would be

Therefore

That is to say

The { result
consequence
effect } of this { solution
step
advice } would be ...

This measure would { result in
lead to
create
cause } an improvement in ...

EXPRESSING CAUSE

on the grounds that
given that
owing to
due to (the fact that)
on account of

because / because of
since
as
hence
in view of

in view of
owing to
because of



the lack of funds ...

Seeing that so many people disagree ...

INTRODUCING EXAMPLES

For example / instance,
like, especially

such as
particularly / in particular

For one thing
A striking / typical example of ... is ...

This is clearly illustrated by ...
The fact that ... shows that ...

CONCLUDING

To sum up,
In conclusion,
On balance,
Taking everything into account,
Finally / Lastly,

All in all,
Generally / In general
All things considered
To conclude,
On the whole

SHOWING RESERVATION

To some extent / degree ...
In a sense / way

To a certain extent ...
Up to a point

EMPHASIZING A POINT

clearly
needless to say
of course

obviously
indeed
it is obvious

(e)specially
principally
primarily

ADDING MORE POINTS ON THE SAME TOPIC

In addition (to this), ...
What is more
Besides (this / that) ...
Also

Furthermore
Moreover
As well as

Likewise
equally
in the same way

similarly
additionally
apart from

not only ...
both ...

but also ...
and ...

EXPRESSING PURPOSE

with a view to
so that
in case

with the purpose / intention of
so as to / in order to
in answer / response to

SEQUENCING

Beginning: Firstly, First of all, To begin / start with, In the first place

Continuing: Secondly, Then, Next, After that

Concluding: Thirdly, Finally, Last but not least, Eventually

SPECULATING

There is little chance that ...
It is quite unlikely / probable that ...
In all probability ...
It could / might ...

It is possible that ...
There is a chance that ...
In all likelihood ...

MAKING A COMPARISON

as compared to
by / in comparison with

in the same way
likewise

MAKING A CONCESSION

after all
all the same
in so far as
anyhow

at any rate
at all events
nonetheless
nevertheless

MAKING SOMETHING CLEAR

In other words
To put it differently

To put it another way
That is to say