



Argumentative Essay Phrases

In an argumentative essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument but ensure your opinion is clear to the reader about which side you land on.

Introduction

Paraphrase the essay title in a statement. Explain what you're going to do in the essay.

Nowadays, the trend is towards ...

In the current climate, ...

Over the past ... years, there has been an increase/decrease in

Numerous reports have been carried out on the ...

Research indicates/suggests/shows/demonstrates that ...

This week, yet another report on ... was published/appeared in the media

Although most people would generally agree that ... few would also deny ...

I'd like to discuss/consider/analyse ...

I'm going to compare/ look at / examine ...

Body

It's common to provide three separate ideas with supporting arguments. Each argument should be in a separate paragraph.

In my opinion ...

As I see it ...

From my point of view ...

I am convinced that ...

There is no doubt in my mind that ...

The drawbacks / disadvantages / cons are ...

The benefits / advantages / pros are ...

Turning to ...

Regarding ...

Changing topic, when we discuss ...

One justification/objection is ... another is ...
Advocates / proponents would claim that ...
It shouldn't be forgotten that ...
According to ...

One factor which has led to ... is ...
The problem stems from ...
The situation has been exacerbated/worsened by ...
One suggestion as an appropriate response to this situation might be
... might alleviate the problem
We can tackle/overcome/deal with this by ...
The situation would vastly improve if
Responsibility for ... lies solely in the hands of ...
In order to control ..., ... needs to be introduced/implemented

Conclusion

Make sure your conclusion and final statement answers/respond directly to your essay title.

All things considered, ...
In conclusion / in summary ...
All in all ...
On balance, I genuinely believe ...
The obvious conclusion to be drawn is that ...

Tips;

1. Think about the purpose of the essay before planning it
2. Use a formal writing style (no contractions, no informal language, fewer phrasal verbs, no colloquialisms)
3. It's often advised to present both sides of the argument/remain impartial throughout the essay until the conclusion where you express your opinion
4. Use synonyms when writing and avoid repetition. E.g. > the rural area, the countryside, the country