



Signposts

Sequence ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firstly,• Next,• Finally,• The main reason is...• Another point is...• Another reason is...	Give examples <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For example,• For instance,• Namely,• Specifically,• That is,• ...such as...
Add another idea <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Also,• In addition,• Moreover,• Besides,	Introduce a similar idea <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Likewise,• Similarly,
Introduce a different idea <ul style="list-style-type: none">• However,• In contrast,• On the other hand,• Although...	Introduce a new idea <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With regard to...• When it comes to...• On the question of...
Summarise ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All in all,• In brief,• On the whole,	Give a cause <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to...• Because of...
Give an effect <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Therefore,• As a result,• For this reason,• Consequently,	Emphasise a point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certainly,• Indeed,• In fact,• Of course,• Actually,• As a matter of fact,• Naturally,
Generalise <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usually,• In general,• On the whole,• As a rule,• In most cases,• Broadly speaking,• Generally speaking,• For the most part,• To some extent,	Clarify a point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In other words,• Namely,• That is to say,• I mean...



Signposts phrases to respond to questions

Giving an opinion	Comparing and contrast
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I believe that...• I think that...• As far as I'm concerned...• In my opinion...• In my view...• It seems to me that...• I strongly believe that...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some similarities between [buying food in my country and here] are...• [Buying food in my country and here] is similar because...• Some differences between [buying food in my country and here] are...• [Buying food in my country and here] is different because...
Evaluating	Giving suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I believe that assignments are more effective/better/fairer because...• [Assignments] are definitely more suitable for [tertiary students] because... <p><u>Note:</u> when evaluating, use comparative or superlative adjectives in order to decide if something is better/worse.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• [The government] could...• Perhaps [the government could...]• A good idea would be for [the government] to...• Maybe [the government] should...• One way [the government] could...• Another way [the government] could...
Giving preferences	Speculating
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I much prefer to...• In general, I would rather...• I usually like to...• On the whole, I usually choose to...• Sometimes I prefer to...• I don't mind doing either [X] or [Y].	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I'm certain that...• There's a good/reasonable chance that...• Most probably...• It's quite possible that...• I hope that...• Perhaps...• I'm not sure if...• There's little/not much chance that...• I doubt very much that...