To introduce a claim or evidence:
- The primary reason
- Frequently
- In fact
- The most compelling evidence
- According to
- As stated
- For example
- For instance
- Another significant
- Most important
- Equally important
- Another key point
- It is important to realize
- Specifically

To connect, add, continue:
- Not only
- It could also be said
- Similarly
- Similar
- Likewise
- Additionally
- Moreover
- Also
- And
- In addition
- Furthermore
- Another
- In the same way
- No only…, but
- Equally important
- Of course

To clarify, elaborate, comment:
- This reveals
- This suggests
- This demonstrates
- This indicates
- This is important because
- This illustrates
- In other words
- To put it differently
- In other words
- In this case
- As a result
- The logical conclusion is
- That is
- Actually
- Thus
- This explains why
- To put it another way
- If…, then…

To compare:
- Both
- Similarly
- In the same way
- Just as
- Also
- Another
- Along the same lines
- Likewise
- Equally

To conclude:
- Therefore
- Thus
- This clearly shows
- As a result
- Consequently
- In short
- Finally
- Obviously
- In brief
- Ultimately

To shift, contradict or refute:
- Some sources suggest
- One text argues
- Others would say
- On the other hand
- A different view is
- In contrast
- However
- Despite this argument
- Conversely
- Unlike
- Nevertheless
- Regardless
- But
- Even though
- Although
- By contrast
- On the contrary
- Yet
- Whereas
- While
- Nonetheless

To concede:
- It is true that
- Admittedly
- Of course…, but
- This may be true, but
- Although this may be a good point
- Indeed
- Granted
Elaboration & Analysis Starters

In the examples below, the word “this” refers to the evidence you just described.

✓ The fact that (rephrase your evidence) proves/shows/demonstrates/illustrates/etc. that (rephrase your claim) because...

✓ Based on this*, we must conclude (rephrase your claim) because...

✓ All of this* goes to show that (rephrase your claim) because...

✓ The argument that (rephrase your claim) must be true because as (rephrase your evidence) shows...

✓ The most logical conclusion we can draw from this* is that (rephrase your claim) because...

✓ Taken together, the fact that (rephrase one piece of evidence) and that (rephrase more evidence), clearly demonstrates that (rephrase your claim) because...

✓ This* is significant because (explain why in a way that directly relates to the claim)...

✓ (Rephrase your evidence) matters because (give your reason). Thus, (rephrase your claim) must be true because...

✓ If (rephrase evidence) were not true, then (rephrase claim) may be false. However, (repeat rephrased evidence) is true, and thus, we must conclude that (rephrase claim) because...

✓ These facts/examples/images/stories/data/etc. work together to build a case that (rephrase claim) because...

✓ This (illustration/graph/statistic/etc.) is irrefutable evidence that (rephrase claim) because...