

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 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 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 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...