

Language Frames

Expressing an Opinion, Position, or Point of View

<u> </u> (someone)	strongly firmly	consider(s) _____ think(s) believe(s) that _____ feel(s)
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It is a fact There is no doubt	that _____
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Giving Reasons to Support an Opinion, Position, or Point of View

<u> </u> (someone)	should must need(s) to has/have to	<u> </u> (do what?)	because _____
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<u> </u> (doing what?)	is the correct course of action	because _____
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A strong argument One argument	in favor of for in support of against in opposition to	<u> </u> is _____
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One reason for One advantage of Another point in favor of A further argument supporting One other advantage of One of the main arguments in favor of	<u> </u> (doing what?)	is _____
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There are many reasons why There are several reasons to	_____
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Citing Evidence

The evidence clearly shows
Statistic clearly show
There is strong evidence to suggest
The facts indicate
The evidence implies

that _____.

This is shown
exemplified by
illustrated

_____.

For example,
For instance,
To illustrate,
As proof,

_____.

_____ shows
exemplifies
illustrates

that _____.

Consider _____, for example.

_____ is a case in point.

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Presenting Another's Opinion, Position, or Point of View

<hr/> <i>(someone)</i>	maintain(s) say(s) think(s) feel(s) argue(s) assert(s) believe(s) claim(s) point(s) out is of the opinion seem(s) to believe	that _____.
The opinion of _____ is <i>(someone)</i>		
It is _____'s opinion <i>(someone)</i>		
It can be argued		

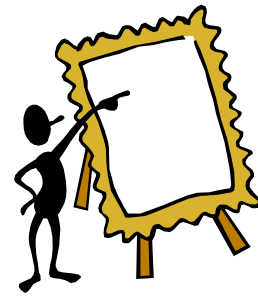
According to In the view of	_____, <i>(someone)</i>	_____.
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Criticizing Someone Else's Opinion, Position or Point of View

One disadvantage of One objection to One argument against	_____	is	_____.
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The evidence does not support	_____.
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Emerging	Enhancing Bridging
<p>The thesis statement includes the claim and purpose. I think that _____. I feel that _____.</p>	<p>I strongly think that _____. I firmly believe that _____. I strongly consider that _____ is _____. There is no doubt that _____.</p>
<p>The writer includes sufficient supporting facts, opinions and/or examples. There are many reasons why _____. There are several reasons to _____.</p>	<p>One argument for _____ is _____. A strong argument in support of _____ is _____. Another point in favor of _____ is _____. One of the main arguments in favor of _____ is _____.</p>
<p>The writer acknowledges the opposing viewpoint. _____ says that _____. _____ think that _____. This is shown by _____. For example, _____.</p>	<p>_____ maintains that _____. According to _____. _____ shows that _____. _____ illustrates that _____. It can be argued that _____. It is the view of _____ that _____. The evidence clearly shows that _____.</p>
<p>The writer uses a counterargument to address the opposing viewpoint. The evidence does not support _____.</p>	<p>One disadvantage of _____ is _____. One objection to _____ is _____. One argument against _____ is _____. Clearly, there is strong evidence to suggest that _____.</p>
<p>The conclusion includes a summary of the interpretation, a commentary and/or a reflection. In conclusion, the author tells us that _____. Overall, the author _____. This reminds me of... I think that...</p>	<p>The story concludes with (sentence), which shows (main idea). Through this (book/article/story), the author conveys (main idea).</p>

Argumentative Signal Words

Introductory Phrases		
I believe	It seems to me that	I maintain that
In my opinion,	From my point of view,	I (dis)agree
It is my belief that	There is no doubt that	I question whether

Concluding Phrases			
For the reasons above,	To sum up,	In short,	In brief,
As you can see,	To be sure,	Undoubtedly,	In any event,
As I have noted,	Without a doubt,	In conclusion,	In any case,
In other words,	In summation,	Obviously,	In conclusion,
On the whole,	Unquestionably,	Summarizing,	

Supporting Opinions			
First,	Furthermore,	Besides,	Further,
Second,	In addition,	Next,	Again,
Third,	Also,	Moreover,	Similarly,
Finally,	Last,		

Introducing Details		
For example,	For instance,	In support of this,
In fact,	As evidence,	

Cause and Effect		
Since...,	As might be expected,	leads to
Because of...,	This results in	brought about
Due to...,	Consequently,	made possible
For this reason,	Accordingly,	caused by
Therefore,	As a result of	give rise to
If..., then	In effect,	was responsible for

Argumentative Signal Words

Compare and Contrast			
Similarly,	Contrasting,	Rather than...,	as well as
Compared to...,	On the contrary,	Even though...,	as opposed to
In like manner,	Contrary to...,	Likewise,	all are
On the other hand,	To the contrary,	In the same way,	have in common
Nevertheless,	Conversely,	In spite of...,	although
Whether or not....,			the same as

Countering		
I realize you	I question	but/yet
I understand you	I feel	Let me explain:
Even though you...,	I maintain	However,
Although you...,	I want	On the other hand,
Some people	I favor	On the contrary,
It may be that you	I support	To the contrary,
Your idea to ____ deserves some merit	I argue	Contrary to...,
I believe	I state	Nevertheless,
I doubt		