**Sentence Starters, transitional and other useful words**

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| **To introduce** | | | | |
| This discusses … | … is explored … | | | … is defined … |
| The definition of … will be given | … is briefly outlined … | | | … is explored … |
| The issue focused on …. | … is demonstrated ... | | | … is included … |
| In this text.. | … is explained … | | | … are identified … |
| The key aspect discussed … | … are presented … | | | … is justified … |
| Views on …. range from …. | … is evaluated … | | | … is examined … |
| The central theme … | … is described … | | | … is analysed … |
| Emphasised are … | … is explained and illustrated with examples | | |  |
| **To conclude** | | | | |
| In summary, … | | To review, … | In conclusion, … | |
| In brief, … | | To summarise, … | To sum up, … | |
| To conclude, … | | Thus, … | Hence, … | |
| It has been shown that, … | | In short, … |  | |

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| **To compare and contrast** | | |
| Similarly, … | In the same way … | Likewise, … |
| In comparison … | Complementary to this … | Then again, … |
| However, … | This is in contrast to … | In contrast, … |
| And yet … | Nevertheless, … | Conversely, … |
| On the contrary, … | On the other hand, … | Notwithstanding … |
| Whereas … | In contrast to … | That aside, ... |
| While this is the case … | ... disputes … | Despite this, ... |

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| **To add ideas** | | |
| Also, … | Equally important ... | Subsequently, … |
| Furthermore, … | Moreover, … | As well as .... |
| Next… | Another essential point… | Additionally, ... |
| More importantly, … | In the same way … | Another ... |
| Then, … | In addition, … | Besides, ... |
| Then again, … | Firstly, ... secondly, ... thirdly, ... finally, ... | To elaborate, ... |

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| **To present inconclusive ideas** | | |
| Perhaps ... | ... may be ... | ... might be ... |
| There is limited evidence for ... | ... is debated ... | ... is possibly ... |
| ... could ... | ... may include ... |  |

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| **To give examples** | | |
| For example, ... | ... as can be seen in ... | ... supports ... |
| An illustration of ... | ... as demonstrated by ... | ... is observed ... |
| Specifically, ... | ... is shown ... | ... exemplifies ... |
| Such as ... | As an example ... | To illustrate, ... |
| For instance, ... |  |  |

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| **To show relationships or outcome** | | |
| Therefore ... | As a result ... | For that reason ... |
| Hence, ... | Otherwise, ... | Consequently, ... |
| The evidence suggests/shows ... | It can be seen that ... | With regard to ... |
| After examining.... | These factors contribute to ... | It is apparent that ... |
| Considering ... it can be concluded that ... | Subsequently, .... | The effect is ... |
| The outcome is ... | The result ... | The correlation ... |
| The relationship ... | The link ... | The convergence ... |
| The connection ... | ... interacts with ... | Both .... |
| ... affects ... | Thus it is ... | ... causes ... |
| ... influences ... | ... predicts ... | ... leads to ... |
| ... informs ... | ... presupposes | ... emphasises |
| ... demonstrates ... | ... impacts on ... | ... supports ... |