

Academic Essay Sentence Starters

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Useful phrases for IELTS, TOEFL, and university essays



This guide provides sentence starters that help students introduce topics, explain ideas, present examples, and write strong conclusions for **IELTS, TOEFL, and university essays**.

Introducing the Topic

Some people believe that...
Many people argue that...
In recent years, the issue of ___ has
become widely discussed.
There are different opinions about

Introducing a Reason

One reason for this is that...
One important reason is that...
Another reason is that...
A key factor is that...

Stating Your Opinion

In my opinion,...
I believe that...
From my perspective,...
I strongly agree that...
I disagree with the idea that...

Adding Another Idea

Furthermore,...
In addition,...
Moreover,...
Another important point is that...

Giving Examples

For example,...
For instance,...
A good example of this is...
This can be seen when...

Contrasting Ideas

However,...
On the other hand,...
In contrast,...
Although this may be true,...

Explaining Your Idea

This means that...
This shows that...
This demonstrates that...
As a result,...
Therefore,...

Concluding

In conclusion,...
To summarize,...
Overall,...
For these reasons,...

Academic Writing Tip

Avoid repeating:

I think...
I believe...

Instead write:

This suggests that...
This demonstrates that...
This highlights that...

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