

Useful expressions to write an essay

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| Introduction | |
| first of all to begin with in order to decide whether.... or not to outline the main points firstly, secondly, thirdly, finally / eventually | afin de décider siou non exposer les points principaux |
| Enumerating arguments | |
| in addition to / additionally besides / moreover / furthermore above all | de plus, en outre surtout |
| Weighing up arguments | |
| on the one hand..... on the other hand to consider the advantages and disadvantages arguments for and against to discuss the pros and cons in theory ... in reality both... and.... not only ... but also anyway / at any rate / in any case in fact / actually / as a matter of fact up to a point so to speak by no means / not at all | discuter le pour et le contre à la fois..... et..... de toute façon en fait jusqu'à un certain point pour ainsi dire pas du tout / en aucune façon |
| Comparisons | |
| compared to / in comparison with to draw / make a comparison between ...and similarly as well as | aussi bien que / de même que |
| Restrictions | |
| however / though nevertheless whereas although / though / even though in spite of / despite unlike in contrast to / with sth. on the contrary sth is contrary to sth | tandis que bien que / même si malgré à la différence de |
| Referring to | |
| with reference to regarding as regards as far as ... is concerned according to (according to is used to introduce someone else's opinion. Don't say "according to me") | en ce qui concerne selon |
| Emphasizing | |
| I'd like to point out that I'd like to emphasize | J'aimerais faire remarquer que J'aimerais mettre l'accent sur |

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| Generalizing | |
| on the whole in general / generally speaking as a rule to some extent to a large extent / to what extent ? in many ways in all respects in most / many cases basically | en règle générale dans une certaine mesure à bien des égards à tous les égards dans la plupart / beaucoup de cas fondamentalement / à la base |

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| Giving examples | |
| for example / for instance such as / including in particular / particularly to give you an example of what I mean to illustrate this point what I mean is et cetera / and so on / and so forth that is to say / i.e | tel que / y compris et caetera c'est à dire |

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| Making exceptions | |
| apart from except with the exception of | |

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| Giving reasons | |
| because as / since because of the reason for this is the reason why for some reasons or another I have every reason to believe that | comme, puisque |

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| Consequences | |
| therefore consequently / as a result for this reason / all these reasons | donc |

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| Personal point of view | |
| I think that in my opinion/ in my view / to my mind this is a matter of opinion in my experience as far as I know as far as I am concerned to be aware / unaware of a problem to tell the truth the fact is that I am convinced that I firmly believe that I feel sth should be done about that | en ce qui me concerne être conscient de |

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| Agreeing | |
| I entirely / absolutely agree with that's exactly my own view I'm of exactly the same opinion that's perfectly true I'd like to support this view | |
| Disagreeing | |
| I partly disagree with I don't entirely agree with I agree in principle, but That's not the way I see it I see things rather differently myself I'm not at all convinced that I'm not absolutely sure | |
| Interest, Plans, Intentions | |
| to be interested in sth / in doing sth It interests me a lot My main / particular interest is I have the intention of doing I am prepared to do sth I am determined to do sth I'm planning to do sth I'm very keen on doing sth | |
| Lack of interest | |
| I find ... rather uninteresting / boring I don't take any interest in It's all the same to me whether It means nothing to me | Ça m'est égal si |
| Summarizing and drawing conclusions | |
| finally last of all last but not least in conclusion / to conclude we can draw the conclusion to sum up / to summarize we can say all in all in short / in brief / briefly all things considered the subject under discussion I find it difficult to reach a conclusion but I'm tempted to say | globalement |
| Modifying adverbs | |
| totally / entirely / completely mostly / mainly / chiefly partly comparatively / relatively extremely / incredibly | surtout / principalement, essentiellement |