

Useful expressions to write an essay

Introduction

first of all
to begin with
to outline the main points
firstly, secondly, thirdly, finally

Weighing up arguments

on the other hand
to consider the advantages
arguments for and against
to discuss the pros and cons
in theory ... in reality
anyway / at any rate / in any case
in fact / actually / as a matter of fact

up to a point

so to speak

Referring to

with reference to
regarding
as regards
according to

Giving reasons

because
as / since
because of
the reason for this is
the reason why

Consequences

therefore
consequently
as a result
for this reason
all these reasons

Comparisons

compared to / in comparison with
to draw / make a comparison between
similarly
as well as

Enumerating arguments

in addition to / additionally
besides / moreover / furthermore
above all

Restrictions

however / though
nevertheless
whereas
although / though / even though
in spite of / despite
on the contrary
sth is contrary to sth

Giving examples

for example / for instance
such as / including
to illustrate this point
what I mean is
et cetera / and so on
that is to say / i.e

Summarizing

finally
last of all
in conclusion / to conclude
we can draw the conclusion
to sum up
all in all
in short / in brief / briefly

Emphasizing

I'd like to point out that
I'd like to emphasize

Generalizing

on the whole
in general
as a rule
to some extent

in many ways

Personal point of view

I think that
in my opinion / in my view
as far as I know
as far as I am concerned
to be aware of a problem
to tell the truth
the fact is that

