

Signposting

In here you will find a handy list of linking words and phrases to help your writing flow.

- o Having examined..., it is now necessary to consider...
- o To this point..., however, it is important to recognise that...
- o In the above discussion....It is important, however, also to examine/take account of/look at the evidence for...
- o Clearly...these have been outlined above
- o As outlined above...
- o Issues related to this situation will now be considered, with a focus on...
- o This section will ...
- o Chapter will consider why ...
- o A recent study suggests ...
- o One important recent finding indicates that ...
- o Despite these reports, other writers have proposed ...
- o In spite of these findings, theorists believe that ...
- o This view has been rejected by some authors who claim that ...
- o In contrast, a recent article ...
- o This suggestion ...
- o These ideas ...
- o This brief outline suggests ...
- o Such proposals ...
- o The aim of this study is to
- o The purpose of this thesis is to....
- o This dissertation argues that
- o The main questions addressed in this dissertation are

- o This review critically examines....
- o The above discussion raises some interesting questions.
- o This Chapter begins by It will then go on to Finally, ...
- o This chapter reviews the literature
- o In conclusion, ...
- o Despite...
- o In the light of...
- o In the next section the notion that
- o The next section will introduce the notion...
- o These ideas have been discussed by a wide range of authors, including...
- o The debate is wide-ranging. For the purposes of this study, the discussion will be confined to...
- o The principles of this theory are...
- o While author argues for..., author presents the opposite case/takes the opposite position/holds a different point of view/takes a different approach...His standpoint is...
- o From author's point of view..., however, according to...
- o Author suggests that..., but author disagrees
- o Author states that/claims that/discussions the idea that/present the principles of her theory...
- o The principles of author's theory are...
- o A recent study has found/suggests that/has shown...
- o Results from a recent study/a number of studies, including..., make the case for/support/shed light on/bring into question...
- o **Listing:** first(ly), ... / second(ly), ... / finally, ... /
- o **Indicating addition or similarity:** also, ... / besides, ... / in addition, ... / furthermore, ... / as well / similarly, ...
- o **Indicating contrast:** however, ... / nevertheless, ... / on the other hand, ... /
- o **Giving a reason:** for this reason, ... / because ... / because of .../ due to ...

o **Indicating result:** therefore, ... / thus, ... / as a result, ... / consequently, ...

o **Reformulating an idea:** in other words, ... / to put it simply, ... / that is ...

o **Exemplifying:** for example, ... / for instance, ... / to exemplify, ...

o The central argument for the development of is...

o The debate surrounding ... within this research is grounded in the field of ... According to one perspective, ...

o My research contributes to knowledge about ..., and specifically ... through an in-depth study of ...

o This study does not attempt to justify a connection between ... and ... Instead it investigates ...

o However, this raises debates regarding the perceived benefits and disadvantages of ...

o This research seeks to investigate exactly what ... means to ...

o A great deal of ... is tied to the issue of ... This research will attempt to clarify these links by ...

o It is contended that ...

o The study demonstrates that this construction of ...

o The thesis draws on the view that ...

o This thesis does not draw conclusions about the benefits or otherwise of re-constructing ... The purpose of focussing on ... is to examine the presumption that ...

o To understand the role of ... in forming ... this study aims to provide an understanding of the factors that contribute to ...

o This dissertation grounds the rhetoric of ... It provides detailed interpretations of ...

o This dissertation throws light on information not available elsewhere on ... It makes a contribution to the conversation about ...by illuminating the way ...

o In this dissertation, attention is directed to ...

o This next section will examine some of the difficulties associated with ...

o This chapter sets out to investigate the ... and its links with ... It closely examines the ... In addition, the thesis also investigates the notion that ...

o The final section provides a general discussion of ... The section concludes with coverage of ... The last part of the section reveals that ...

- o The current debate about ... is outlined demonstrating that ...
- o In this section the aspects of ... are considered separately to highlight their relationship to ...
- o The three following sections review insights from selected authors about the value of ... in order to highlight ...
- o The next section highlights the literature relevant to the concept of ... in order to show that ...
- o Concluding signposting sentence stems
- o From the above discussion on ... it follows that ... This adds to my proposition that ...
- o Current literature often presumes ...
- o It rapidly becomes clear that the study of ... is intimately bound up in ...
- o This brief overview of ... shows the overall direction of ...
- o The influence of ... is highlighted here. It reinforces the proposition made in ...
- o As the statement above indicates, ...
- o Again it is evident that ...
- o For this reason, it can be said that ...
- o Thus, there is a strong argument for ...
- o The understandings generated from this review of the literature on ... show that....
- o In this context, then ...
- o Consideration of the underlying factors demonstrate that ...
- o My investigation shows that ...
- o This research sought to establish...
- o The issues raised from this review of literature establish that ...
- o This review of research into ... reveals that ...
- o Given the observed trends of ... it can be concluded that ...
- o Inherent in this conception is the understanding that ...
- o Implicit in this definition is the understanding that ...

- o Based essentially on the argument that ... outlined above, I maintain that ...
- o Although different authors have put different emphases into their descriptions of ... there is general agreement that ...
- o Throughout the literature ... It is generally claimed that ...
- o The strength of such an approach is that ...
- o This chapter commenced with an exploration of ... It reveals that ...
- o While we now know a great deal about ... little research has been done on ... This raises the question ...
- o This chapter has highlighted ... It is evident that ... However, the nature of ... from the perspective of ... has not been explored.
- o This chapter brings to light two integral concepts related to ... This needs now to be researched more actively in the setting of ... to explore the question of whether ...
- o Transition sentence stems
- o Whilst this study focussed explicitly on..., it is recognised that
- o To appreciate the , it is worth visiting briefly the model of
- o Before the discussion on the significance of ... can be extended, the theoretical grounds for ... requires explanation.
- o Before going on to explore further the issues of, the working definitions for ... require clarification.
- o Before going on to look at ... it is important to consider
- o The applicability of this concept to ... has not previously been considered. Therefore, ... the three subsections below investigate literature on ... specific to the question of
- o Authors considered in the following section have been more explicit about ... than those above who focus purely upon ...
- o In contrast to those authors whose paramount concern is ... the field of ... takes the perspective that ...
- o Research discussed in the following section, takes the question of ... further. This work suggests that ...
- o However, not all authors agree that ... Some describe a different approach in which ...

o Transition words

o **Show order/sequence:** first, then, next, finally, secondly, thirdly, began, ended

o **Show time:** soon, then, finally, previously, later, last, meanwhile, earlier, at the same time, subsequently, following on from, when, immediately, upon, since

o Add some ideas: again, and, besides, therefore, also, additionally, indeed, moreover, another, as well, likewise, furthermore, finally, next

o Show cause and effect: thus, hence, therefore, consequently, so, because, since, then, finally, accordingly, for these reasons, as a result, on that account

o Indicate a summary: in brief, finally, in conclusion, to conclude, lastly, in summary, on the whole, to sum up, in fact, indeed, in other words

o Contrast ideas: however, nevertheless, yet, and yet, but, still, on the other hand, otherwise, conversely, in spite of, by contrast, despite, although, though, even so, on the contrary, notwithstanding, a different view

o Compare ideas: similarly, likewise, correspondingly, both equally, equally important, in the same way, in the same manner, each

o Illustrate: for example, for instance, to illustrate, by way of illustration, to be specific, in particular, in other words

o Concede: naturally, granted, of course, to be sure, although, despite, in spite of, for all, while, notwithstanding

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