

Writing at level 4

Introduction

Why is it important?

X is of interest because ...

X is a classic problem in ...

X is a major area of interest within the field of ...

Recently, there has been renewed interest in ...

Recently, researchers have shown an increased interest in ...

Evidence suggests that X is among the most important factors for ...

There is evidence that X plays a crucial role in ...

What does the literature say?

Recent evidence suggests that ...

It has previously been observed that ...

Previous research has established that ...

It is now well established from a variety of studies, that ...

Is there a problem/gap?

One of the greatest challenges ...

The issue has grown in importance in light of recent ...

It is still not known whether ...

Much uncertainty still exists about the relationship between ...

Despite this, very few studies have investigated the impact of X on ...

What's your aim?

This paper analyses the impact of...

This paper reviews the evidence for...

This paper will investigate...

This literature review will analyse...

The aim of this literature review is...

What do you plan to talk about? (objectives usually follow the ...)

The first section of this paper will examine...

This essay has been organised in the following way.
Firstly...

The third paragraph is concerned with...

Main Body

Referring to sources

Jones et al. (2001) compared the rate of...

Jones et al. (2001) analysed/examined...

In investigation into X, Smith et al. (2012) found...

By drawing on the concept of X, Smith has been able to show that...

Smith (2001) discusses the challenges and strategies for...

In their analysis of..., Page and Boland (2016) identified...

Jackson and Clarke (2003) maintain/claim/argue/suggest that...

Being Critical

The main weakness with this theory is that ...

The key problem with this explanation is that ...

However, this theory does not fully explain why ...

One major drawback of this approach is that ...

One question that needs to be asked, however, is whether ...

Jones fails to acknowledge the significance of ...

The study would have been more interesting if it had included ...

These studies would have been more useful if they had focused on ...

The study would have been more relevant if the researchers had asked ...

Conclusion

Tip for writing your conclusion: go through each paragraph in your work and sum it up in one sentence, then add that sentence to your conclusion

Summary

This paper has identified ...

This analysis has shown that ...

It appears that...

Analysis revealed that...