

IELTS - WRITING TASK 2 VOCABULARY

Listing

firstly, secondly, thirdly, first, furthermore, finally, to begin, to conclude, next

Reinforcement

also, furthermore, moreover, what is more, in addition, besides, above all, as well (as), in the same way, not only ... but also,

Similarity

equally, likewise, similarly, correspondingly, in the same way

Transition to new point

now, as far as x is concerned, with regard/reference to, as for ... , it follows that, turning to

Summary

in conclusion, to conclude, in brief, to summarise, overall, therefore

Giving examples

for example, for instance, as follows:, that is, in this case, namely, in other words

Result/consequence

so, therefore, as a result/consequence, accordingly, consequently, because of this/that, thus, hence, for this/that reason, so that, in that case, under these circumstances

Deduction

then, in other words, in that case, otherwise, this implies that ..., if so/not

Stating the obvious

obviously, clearly, naturally, of course, as can be expected, surely, after all

Generalising

in general, generally, on the whole, as a rule, for the most part, in most cases, usually

Highlighting

in particular, particularly, especially, mainly

Reformulation

in other words, rather, to put it more simply

Expressing an alternative

alternatively, rather, on the other hand, the alternative is, another possibility would be

Contrast

instead, conversely, on the contrary, in contrast, in comparison

Concession (smth unexpected)

even though, however, however much, nevertheless, still, yet

Expressing personal opinions:

In my opinion, ... // Personally, I think that ... // It seems to me that ... // I must admit that ... // I believe/suppose that ... // I cannot deny that ... // As I see it, ... // As far as I'm concerned, ... // I would argue that ... // I'd like to point out that ... // In my experience, ...

Very strong opinions:

I am sure that ... // I am convinced that ... // I am certain that ...

Proving your arguments

to attest, ... // to prove, ... // this (fact) is attested/proven by ... // this (fact) is evidenced by ... // this (fact) is testified by ... // this (fact) is endorsed/supported by... // this (evidence) establishes that ...

Expressing general point of view:

It is (generally) claimed that ... // It is (generally) said that ... // It is (generally) thought that ... // It is (generally) considered that ... // A common opinion is that ... // A popular belief is that ...

Outlining facts

The fact is that ... // It is obvious that ... // It is clear that ... // There is no doubt that ... // This proves that ...

Generalizing

Generally speaking, ... // On the whole, ... // Typically, ... // By and large ...

Giving examples

For example, ... // For instance, ... // A good illustration of this is ... // Evidence for this is provided by ... // We can see this when ...

Concluding

To summarise, ... // In conclusion, ... // Overall, ... // On balance, ... // Taking everything into consideration, ...