

Language summary for body of argument essay

Stage	Language to use at this stage		
1. Introduction of the opposing position on a point with a phrase to the statement to make it appear debatable and possibly untrue.	X	asserts contends maintains argues claims	that ...
	It	has been is could be might be may be	asserted contended maintained argued claimed that ...
	One of the	assertions contentions arguments	in support of of supporting against for Y is that ...
	One A common A frequently heard		objection to Y is that ...
2. Concession	It is true that ... It is a fact that ...		
3. Refutation	However, ... Yet, ... Nevertheless, ... , but ...		
Expand and develop the arguments on this paragraph topic that supports your main thesis	... X Indeed, X	explains states shows	that ...
		Moreover, ... In addition, ... Furthermore, ... Another ...	
IMPORTANT: Vary the tone and force of delivery; be seen to be reasonable.	a) Use modals eg, <i>International students may experience ...</i> b) Use 'a number of/many/some' instead of 'all' or 'none' c) Use tentative verbs eg, <i>seem to, appear to, tend to, suggest, indicate</i> d) Use adverbs of frequency eg, <i>often, usually, generally, mainly, perhaps, largely</i> e) Certain phrases eg, <i>by and large, for the most part, in part</i>		