

## Academic Phrases

### Phrases for an introduction

- This paper will focus on/examine/give an account of ...
- The objectives of this research are to determine whether ...
- This paper seeks to address the following questions:
- The aim of this paper is to determine/examine ...
- The main questions/issues addressed in this paper are a), b and c).
- This paper has been divided into four parts. The first part deals with ...
- The first section of this paper will examine ...
- One of the most significant current discussions in X and Y is ...
- X is an increasingly important area in applied social care
- X is at the heart of our understanding of ...
- Recently, researchers have shown an increased interest in ...
- The past decade has seen the rapid development of X in many ...
- The past thirty years have seen increasingly rapid advances in the field of...
- The changes experienced by X's over the past decade remain unprecedented.

### Explaining and defining

- A strong relationship between X and Y has been reported in the literature.
- Prior studies that have noted the importance of ...
- The term X has come to be used to refer to ...
- The term X is generally understood to mean ...
- The term X has been applied to situations where students ...
- The key aspects of X can be listed as follows:
- The disadvantages of the new approach can be discussed *under three headings, which are: ...*
- This topic can best be treated under three headings: X, Y and Z.
- This section has been included for several reasons: it is ...; it illustrates ...; and it describes ...
- *X is different from Y in several respects.*
- *There are several important differences between X and Y.*
- *X differs from Y in several important ways.*

## Highlighting and critiquing (advantages and disadvantages)

- To date there has been little agreement on what...
- More recently, literature has emerged that offers contradictory findings about ...
- One observer has already drawn attention to the paradox in ...
- This concept has recently been challenged by ...
- So far, however, there has been little discussion about ...
- However, far too little attention has been paid to ...
- One question that needs to be asked, however, is whether ...
- A serious weakness with this argument, however, is that ...
- One of the limitations with this explanation is that it does not explain why...
- One criticism of much of the literature on X is that ...
- The key problem with this explanation is that ...
- Another problem with this approach is that it fails to take X into account.
- Perhaps the most serious disadvantage of this method is that ...

## Referencing phrases

- In (Year), Name *published* a paper *in which* they described ...
- *According to* Name (year) ...
- This view is supported by Name (year) who writes ...
- As Name reminds us, ...
- However, Name (year) points out that ...

## Examples

- *A classic / well-known example of this is ...*
- *X is a good example / illustration of ...*
- *X illustrates* this point / shows this point clearly.
- *This can be illustrated briefly by ...*

## Concluding

- In conclusion...
- In sum,
- As the evidence suggests,
- This essay has highlighted the key issues involved in,
- This essay has identified several key areas,