

Appendix: Words and Phrases for Developing Discussions

To list, or show 'time' relationships

First/second/third, etc.	Previously	Now
After that	Last/Finally	Afterwards
When	Next/My next point	Meanwhile
Before	Earlier	Presently or currently
At the same time	Simultaneously	Concurrently
Initially	Already	Later
Thereafter	Subsequently	Following
Proceeding from		

To add information

Furthermore/Further	Also	Besides
Moreover	As well	Another reason
In addition/Additionally	Similarly	The factor/point is
Likewise	Supplementary to this	

To endorse others' work (or to use theirs to endorse yours)*

Affirms	Agrees	Endorses
Concurs	Confirms	Makes clear
Validates	Supports	Corroborates
Approves	Conforms	X is of the same opinion
Verifies	Validates	Repeats
Ratifies	Vindicates	

To question or problematize others' work*

Accedes	Assumes	Claims
Concedes	Confirms	Makes clear
Conjectures	Contends	Contrasts
Dismisses	Generalizes	Presumes
Speculates	X goes so far as to suggest	Denies
Contradicts	Surmises	Professes
Declares		

To present a neutral stance on others' work*

According to X ...	Analyses	Cites
Comments	Compares	Considers
Defines	Demonstrates	Believes
Details	Elaborates	Explains
Indicates	In the view of X ...	Justifies
X makes the point that ...	Notes	Observes
Points out	Posits	Postulates
Predicts	Proposes	Puts forward
Reports	States	Theorizes
X's approach indicates that ...		

To show a causal (cause and effect) relationship

So	Since this is so	Therefore
Consequently	Hence	Due to
Thus	Because of this	It follows
For	As a result ...	The 'if/then' construction
Accordingly	Correspondingly	That being so

To draw a 'conclusion'

This implies/suggests/indicates/shows/establishes/demonstrates/confirms, and so on.

It can be inferred that	To sum up	In summary
In conclusion	It can be concluded that	To summarize
Finally	In closing	Lastly
In ending		

To clarify a previously stated idea

In other words

To put this another way

(Or simply restate the idea in a different way)

Put succinctly

That is

In effect

By this I mean

To introduce a 'contrasting' or 'qualifying' idea

In contrast

However

Even so

Unlike

Conversely

Nevertheless

On the other hand

Yet

But

Although

Alternatively

Whereas

(then bring in contrast)

Notwithstanding

Nonetheless

Regardless

In spite of this

Despite

To provide an 'example'

For example

..., including ...

For instance

..., such as ...

To illustrate

..., as is illustrated by ...

* Based on Coffin, C., et al., (2003) *Teaching Academic Writing. A Toolkit for Higher Education*. London: Routledge.