

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS FOR ESSAYS

INTRODUCTION

My (main) point is ...

My (main) contention is...

In this essay I will try to argue that...

In this essay I will try to make the point that...

BODY PARAGRAPH 1: SUPPORT YOUR POINT(S)

Commentators/experts claim/point out/suggest that...

Research has shown that ...

(New) research (has) found that...

A recent survey has shown that ... /has outlined the (main causes/ effects...)

A study suggests that...

Mounting/strong evidence has found that ...

The findings of a study/a survey:

According to a (new) report

According to a survey (conducted) by

According to a survey on

BODY PARAGRAPH: ADMIT THERE ARE COUNTER-ARGUMENTS

The other side of the argument is that...

Having said so, it is true that...

Other experts hold the view that While this may be true, they fail to realise that.../they fail to grasp (the complexities...)

CONCLUSION

As I have tried to argue,

As I have tried to prove,

Making reference to sources/experts- examples:

- **(New) research (has) found [that...]** *New research has found that melting sea ice is a major cause of warming in the Arctic.*
- **A study suggests that...** *A study suggests that women are much more willing than men to compete as part of a team.*
- **Mounting/strong evidence has found that ...** *Mounting evidence has found that depression makes people more vulnerable to heart trouble. / The Institute of Medicine has found strong evidence that TV watching is associated with child obesity.*
- **The findings of a study/a survey:** *Those are the findings of a study published this week in the journal Pediatrics./ According to the findings of a survey in the US ...*
- **According to a (new) report-** *American kids need more physical activity, according to a new government report.*
- **According to a survey (conducted) by-** *According to a survey conducted by Harvard's Kennedy School, 80% of Americans believe we have a leadership crisis.*
- **According to a survey on -** *According to a recent survey on restaurants, the French prefer fast food to their fine cuisine.*