

SOME USEFUL LANGUAGE:

FOR A NARRATIVE:

TIME EXPRESSIONS WHICH SHOW WHEN THE EVENTS HAPPENED:

Before / after / while / when / as soon as / by the time / until / during / yesterday / last week / a week later / ... / It all began when ... / Suddenly ...

SEQUENCE EXPRESSIONS WHICH SHOW THE ORDER OF THE EVENTS:

At first / first / in the beginning / to begin with / next / then / later / meanwhile / in the end / finally / eventually ...

A FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY:

... has both advantages and disadvantages / There are both advantages and disadvantages to / on the one hand / on the other hand / in contrast / moreover / furthermore / firstly / secondly / thirdly ... / in the first place / in the second place ... / in conclusion / to sum up / in short ...

AN OPINION ESSAY:

In my opinion / as I see it / it seems to me that / I think / feel / believe that / personally / I (don't) agree that / it is true that / I also think that / In addition / Secondly / thirdly / In conclusion / to sum up / all in all ...

ADVERBS OF DEGREE (to modify adjectives/adverbs):

a little / a bit / slightly / fairly / quite / rather / really / very / extremely / highly ...

Example: Things are slightly/quite/very/rather/really different nowadays.

REPLACE 'BAD' WITH:

an unpleasant / disgusting smell; dreadful / severe weather; an unpleasant / frightening experience; a terrible / serious accident; a wicked / an immoral person; more: terrible / awful / horrible; an awkward / embarrassing situation.

REPLACE 'GOOD' WITH:

a delicious / tasty food; an exciting / entertaining / enjoyable movie; an absorbing / fascinating / informative book; a pleasant / enjoyable trip; a skilful / fine player; a useful / helpful advice; more: great / wonderful / lovely / excellent / brilliant.