

# An open-ended collection of useful phrases for essay writing

The speaker of the above statement seems to suggest that ...

The speaker claims / maintains that ...

In order to paraphrase the topic I need to ...

Such a provocative statement might have been uttered by a right-wing / leftist politician / ...

This has been a controversial issue in our culture for quite some time / for decades

The speaker implicitly / explicitly proposes that

In the following, I want to ...

In this essay, I will try to ...

Firstly, ... Secondly, ... Thirdly, ...

First, I would like to ... / Second, ...

In order to discuss these issues I need to ...

A central assumption behind such a claim / statement / saying ... seems to be ...

I feel obliged to challenge (I feel a strong urge to contradict) that assumption

I would like to bring up the aspect of ...

If we assume that ...

In order to ...

Therefore... / As a result of that ... / Consequently ...

Furthermore, ... / Moreover, ...

similarity, -ies / difference, -s

to regard sth as ...

to understand sth as ... / X is generally understood as ...

to compare A with B / comparison

to make a difference between A and B

we need to distinguish between A and B

to differentiate between A and B

Consider the following example

A case in point (is the situation where) ...

Here is a different point of view / here is another strange assumption

The fact is (no comma!) that ...

Under those circumstances

A large number of conflicts / a large amount of money

In my opinion, ...

To my mind ...

I claim / maintain that this is meaningful/-less / of great (little) value  
in contrast to her I believe that / but I do not think (no comma!) that ...

In terms of / in the context (framework) of (e.g.) cultural learning this is ...

xy does not specifically explain that to his children

Among many other phenomena there is ...

This is a precondition / prerequisite for ...

This is how the idea came into existence

presumably, allegedly, arguably,

They seem to take for granted that ...

exaggerate, overestimate,

many people can benefit from that, I am not the only person who does

to sum up

to draw a conclusion

to arrive at a conclusion

In conclusion, ...