

14) Persuasive writing

Phrases using that

- I believe that ...
- I think that ...
- It seems to me that ...
- It is clear that ...
- It strikes me that ...
- There is no doubt that ... (There can be no doubt that ...)
- I am convinced that ...
- It appears that ...
- It is obvious that ...

Rhetorical questions

- Is it any wonder that ...?
- Don't you think ...?
- Isn't it clear that ...?
- Isn't it the case that ...?
- How can anyone believe this to be true?
- Does anyone really believe that ...?

Other phrases to start a sentence with

- In my opinion ...
- As I see it ...
- As everyone knows ...
- Clearly ...
- Obviously ...
- Inevitably ...
- My own view is ...

Initial phrases followed by a comma

- Surely,
- Firstly,
- Secondly,
- Thirdly,
- In addition,
- Furthermore,
- Moreover,

Phrases to use when providing evidence

- For example,
- I cite, as an example . . .

- My evidence to support this is . . .
- I would draw your attention to . . .
- I would refer to . . .

Phrases to finish off with

- My last point is . . .
- My final point is . . .
- Finally,
- In conclusion,
- In summary,
- To conclude I would like to say . . .
- On the basis of the evidence presented . . .
- On balance . . .
- The evidence presented supports the view that . . .
- It is my sincere belief that . . .