

Academic Words for reporting & connecting ideas

To introduce an additional idea	in addition, another reason/ aspect/example, furthermore, moreover, besides, also
To introduce an opposite idea or contrast	On the other hand, in contrast, in spite of, Although, still, nonetheless, instead, compare this with, alternatively, otherwise, on the contrary, rather
To give an example	For example, for instance, an example of this is, a further instance of this is,
To list ideas in order of time	First, first of all, first and foremost, second, more important, most important, more significantly, above all, most of all, concurrently, an additional
To introduce an explanation or make a stronger statement	In fact, indeed
To introduce a result	Accordingly, as a result, as a consequence, consequently, for these reasons, hence, therefore, thus
To point to evidence	It can be seen that, the evidence is that, in support of this
To make a tentative statement	Studies suggest that, perhaps, it would seem that, it tends to be the case that, studies indicate

Examples of hedging words and statements:

Verbs:

indicate, suggest, appear, propose, seem, tend, look like, appear to be, think, believe, doubt, be sure, indicate, suggest, believe assume, should, would, may might, could

Adverbs:

often, sometimes, usually, probably, possibly, conceivably, perhaps, generally, evidently, quite, almost, usually

Adjectives:

Probable, possible

Nouns:

assumption, possibility, probability, tendency

Hedging expressions:

It should be the case that....	Viewed in this way.....
It might be suggested that....	There is every hope that...
It may be possible to obtain....	It is important to develop....
It is useful to study.....	It is not known whether
One cannot exclude from.....	It is/it is not difficult to conclude from...

More reporting words

Show	demonstrate, establish
Argue	Reason, discuss, debate, consider
State	Express, comment, remark, declare, articulate, describe, instruct, inform, report
Emphasise	Accentuate, stress, underscore
Advise	Suggest, recommend, advocate, exhort, encourage, urge
Examine	Discuss, explore, investigate, scrutinise
Disagree	Dispute, refute, contradict, differ, object, dissent
Evaluate	Appraise, assess

End-of-Paragraph signals followed by a comma		End-of-Paragraph signals NOT followed by a comma
Finally,	Lastly, ...	The evidence suggests that...
In brief, ...	Therefore,....	There can be no doubt that...
In conclusion, ...	Thus,...	These examples show that
Indeed,	To sum up,...	We can see that....
In short,		