

## 1. Passive sentence starters

Some people say...

Other people argue..

Some might claim...

It could be argued ...

It is a widely held belief that...

## 2. Adding to the argument

In addition to this...

Also

Furthermore...

In the same way...

## 3. Ending an argument

After discussing all the evidence...

In conclusion...

## 4. Providing Examples to support a point

For example...

For instance...

To illustrate this point...

According to (an expert)

...such as...

# Paper 2 Question 5 – Sentence starters to make your writing clear.

## 5. Sentence Starters to Emphasise the point

Clearly

Most of all

Especially

Particularly

Above all..

Of course...

## 6. Useful DMs to shift the argument to the other side.

On the one hand...

On the other hand...

Similarly ...

Alternatively...

In contrast to this...

In spite of this...

## 7. Useful Subordinating Connectives. (They will always have a comma).

Despite...

Although...

Unless...

Whilst...

If...

## Integrated Discourse Markers

*IDMs can link paragraphs or sentences together without disrupting the “flow” of the writing.*

**Using IDMs to introduce different types of evidence.**

**Take something as apparently harmless as conkers....  
I recently learnt that...  
And it gets worse. A recently published survey ...  
Thomson claims that...**

## More Integrated Discourse Markers

- In my experience...
- It's undeniable that...
- Whilst I agree that ...it is nevertheless the case that...
- It is clear to me that...
- As a consequence...
- It may seem that...but...
- It is generally agreed that...
- You only have to look at...
- Take for example...

## Reference Chains

RCs allow you to link to a previous sentence without repeating yourself. They also help to avoid confusion and help make writing clear.

e.g. It is ridiculous that today's students are forbidden to use the kind of technology that their parents use every day at work.

**This** glaring inconsistency...

If **this** is the way that we educate our young minds...

**The current ludicrous** state of affairs...

**Sentence and text cohesion to make your writing sophisticated.**