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Furthering Arguments	Counter Arguments	Sequencing Arguments	Concluding Arguments
Many people believe… In addition to this… Similarly… Equally… Likewise… Also… As well as (this)… Moreover… What's more... Further more… In the same way… This can also be (seen to be) true in… Just as… In the same way… For example… For instance… By the same token… Likewise…	Others might argue… Conversely… However… Although… On the other hand… Whereas… When measured against… Contrasting with… On the contrary… Nevertheless… On the other hand… In comparison… The opposite effect is created in… Nonetheless… Yet… Corresponding with this… Correspondingly… On the contrary… In opposition to this… In spite of this…	To begin with… In the first place... First and foremost…. Primarily… Firstly… Secondly… Thirdly… Lastly… Finally… After this it can be seen….	Naturally… Of course… Admittedly… Certainly… In conclusion… Finally… Consequently… When all (of these) factors are taken in to account… Subsequently… Therefore... Thus... We can conclude that... Finally, it can be seen…

EMPHASIS	ILLUSTRATION/EXEMPLIFICATION	CONTRAST	EVIDENCE
Above all... Essentially... Clearly... Most of all... Especially.... Primarily.... Particularly... In large....	For example... For instance... Specifically... With regards to... To illustrate... Such as... In the words of (expert)... According to (expert)... As (expert) says....	But... Despite... Yet... However... Alternatively... Still... Although... Unless... Otherwise... By contrast... Notwithstanding... Rather... Contrarily....	Which is evident in/ because... ...can be seen to be true. We can see that... This is obvious... Obviously...

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Discourse markers are words and phrases used in speaking and writing to 'signpost' discourse. Discourse markers do this by showing turns, joining ideas together, showing attitude, and generally controlling communication. In speech, words like 'actually', 'so', 'OK', 'right?' and 'anyway' all function as discourse markers as they help the speaker to manage the conversation and mark when it changes. However, discourse markers are an important feature of both spoken & written English. The skilful use of discourse markers often indicates a higher level of fluency in both spoken and written English.