

To emphasise a point:	<i>Indeed, Naturally, Clearly, Obviously, Of course, Needless to say, the scheme was bound to fail due to insufficient funds.</i>
To express reality:	<i>It is a fact that, In effect, In fact, As a matter of fact, The fact of the matter is (that), Actually, In practice, Indeed, smoking over a long period of time will seriously increase the risk of heart disease.</i>
To express the difference between appearance and reality:	<i>Initially, At first, the proposal was viewed with suspicion but after much deliberation it was finally accepted.</i>
To give examples:	<i>For instance, For example, by establishing day-care centres across the country, working mothers can be encouraged to resume their careers. By providing incentives such as, like day-care centres working mothers are encouraged to resume their careers. If working mothers are to resume their careers then the provision of incentives particularly, in particular, especially day-care centres is essential.</i>
To make general statements:	<i>As a (general) rule, By and large, Generally, In general, On the whole, countries nearer the equator have warmer climates.</i>
To make partially correct statements:	<i>Up to a point, To a certain extent/degree, To some extent/degree, In a sense, In a way, To a limited extent, this is true but computers will always need human input.</i>
To express limit of knowledge:	<i>To the best of my knowledge, As far as I know, Canary Wharf is the tallest building in London.</i>
To state other people's opinion:	<i>It is popularly believed that, People often claim that, It is often alleged that, Some people argue that, Many argue that, Most people feel that, Some people point out that wealth will bring happiness. Contrary to popular belief, wealth does not necessarily bring happiness.</i>
To make contrasting points:	<i>It is a well-known fact that living in the city is harmful to one's health yet, however, nevertheless, but, even so, still, nonetheless, a lot of people move to the city every year in search of a better future. Although, Even though, Regardless of the fact that, In spite of the fact that, Despite the fact that, While it is a well-known fact that living in the city is harmful to one's health, a lot of people move to the city every year in search of a better future.</i>
To express balance (the other side of the argument):	<i>Opponents of using animals in experiments argue, claim, believe that alternative methods of testing can always be used. While it is true to say that genetic engineering holds the key to solving many of the world's serious problems, in fact it should be viewed with caution. The fact that a great number of university graduates cannot find employment contradicts the belief/idea that a university education is the key to a successful career.</i>
Negative addition:	<i>Neither smoking nor consuming too much alcohol are considered healthy. Smoking is not considered healthy; nor, neither is consuming too much alcohol. Smoking is not considered healthy and consuming too much alcohol isn't, either.</i>
To express exception:	<i>He had collected every edition of the magazine apart from, but, except (for) one.</i>
clarify/rephrase:	<i>In other words, That is to say, To put it another way, if you drive more carefully you are less likely to have an accident.</i>