

Signposting Sentence Stems

Signposting stems for an introduction

- To understand the role of ... (your topic*) this essay aims to provide a discussion of ... (the ideas you will develop)
- This essay seeks to investigate/evaluate/illustrate/discuss the impact of ... (your topic) in relation to ... (the ideas you will develop)
- Firstly, this assignment examines ... (your topic) and its links with ... (your first idea) Next, it closely examines ... (your next idea) Finally, it focuses on ... (your next idea)

Signposting stems for a paragraph which introduces or develops a new idea

- One aspect which illustrates ... (your topic) can be identified as ... (the idea you want to develop)
- The current debate about ... (your topic) identifies an interesting viewpoint on... (the idea you want to develop)
- This first/next/final section provides a general discussion of ... (the idea you want to develop)

Signposting stems for a paragraph which expands upon a previous idea

- Building on from the idea that ... (mention previous idea), this section illustrates that ... (introduce your new idea).
- To further understand the role of ... (your topic or your previous idea) this section explores the idea that ... (introduce your new idea)
- Another line of thought on ... (your topic or your previous idea) demonstrates that ... (introduce your new idea)

Signposting stems to sum up an idea in a paragraph

- However, another angle on this debate suggests that ... (introduce your contrasting idea)
- In contrast to evidence which presents the view that ... (mention your previous idea) an alternative perspective illustrates that ... (introduce your contrasting idea)
- However, not all research shows that ... (mention your previous idea). Some evidence agrees that ... (introduce your contrasting idea)

Signposting stems for a conclusion

- This evidence highlights that ... (sum up your idea)
- There is general agreement that ... (sum up your idea)
- The strength of such an approach is that ... (sum up your idea)

Signposting stems for a paragraph which offers a contrasting view

- Clearly, this essay has shown that the main factors which impact upon ... (your topic) are ... (summarise your main ideas)
- The evidence presented in this assignment has shown that ... (mention the conclusions you have drawn)
- To conclude, this assignment has addressed a number of significant issues which show that ... (mention the conclusions you have drawn)