

Games connectors: Table/ putting in the right criteria, and 4 sets.

**Writing -
Key Words & Expressions**

By learning to use **common phrases and set expressions**, you can add variety and interest to your writing. You will also be able to write more quickly and effectively during exams, when time is limited.

Of course, **you won't need to use all of the expressions**. Ideally, you should be comfortable using at least three or four expressions from each group below, so they come to mind easily during the writing.

Stating Your Opinion

In my opinion,	According to me,
In my view,	To me,
From my point of view,	I think
It seems to me that	I believe
From my perspective	To my way of thinking
It appears that	I suppose
I realize	I understand
I imagine	I feel

Giving Examples

For example,	For instance,
such as	In other words,
as	like
that is	namely
To illustrate	To paraphrase

Similar to	As...as
in common	Also
Either...or	In the same way,
Neither...nor	At the same time
Just as	Resemble

Compare

Contrasting

However,	But
On the contrary,	On the other hand,
Differ from	Nevertheless
Although	Though
Otherwise	Instead
Alternatively,	Even though

Generalizing

Generally,	Generally speaking,
Overall,	On the whole,
In general,	By and large,
It seems to me that	I believe
All in all,	Basically,
Essentially,	As a rule,
All things considered	For the most part

Expressing Certainty

Certainly,	Undoubtedly,
Doubtless,	No doubt,
Definitely,	Of course,

Expressing Partial Agreement

More or less,	To some extent,
Up to a point,	Almost,
In a way,	So to speak,

Showing cause

Due to	Because
Because of	Owing to

Showing effect

Therefore,	As a result,
Consequently,	For this reason,
Thus,	So,
thereby	Eventually,
Hence,	The reason why

Marking time

First,	Last
Second,	Lastly,
Third,	Then,
Firstly,	First of all,

Secondly,	Before
Thirdly,	After
During	While
To begin with	At the same time
Simultaneously	After this / that
Since	Meanwhile
Afterwards	Following this
When	As soon as

Adding Information

Furthermore	In addition
Also	And
Moreover	Similarly
Likewise	As well as
Besides	Too
Even	What's more

Expressing condition

If	Whether
In case	Unless
Provided that	So that

Concluding

To summarize	In conclusion
Lastly,	Finally,
To Sum up,	In short,

Show sometimes youtube movies before showing the subject and discuss in class the words that can help to write a good writing expression. Sometimes do a brainstorming on the board of the ideas and expand a paragraph together on the board.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

- 1/ Children should never be educated at home by their parents. Do you agree or disagree?
- 2/ Children learn best by observing behavior of adults and copying it. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

- 1/Damage of the environment is an inevitable consequence of worldwide improvements in the standard of living. Discuss.
- 2/The rising levels of congestion and air pollution found in most of the world cities can be attributed directly to the rapidly increasing number of private cars in use. In order to reverse this decline in the quality of life in cities, attempts must be made to encourage people to use their cars less and public transport more. Discuss possible ways to encourage the use of public transport.

MODERN SOCIETY

- 1/Nowadays doctors can become very rich. Maybe they should not focus on profitable activities such as plastic surgery or looking after rich patients and concentrate more on patients health, no matter how rich they are?
- 2/Does travel help to promote understanding and communication between countries?
- 3/In your opinion what factors contribute to a good movie?
- 4/Are famous people treated unfairly by the media ? Should they be given more privacy, or is the price of their fame an invasion into their private lives?
- 5/Is animal testing necessary?
- 6/Some businesses now say that no one can smoke cigarettes in any of their offices. Some governments have banned smoking in all public places. Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons.
- 7/ To what extent is the use of animals in scientific research acceptable?
- 8/Human beings do not need to eat meat in order to maintain good health because they can get all their food needs from meatless products and meatless substances. A

vegetarian diet is as healthy as a diet containing meat. Argue for or against the opinion above.

9/Forests are the lungs of the earth. Destruction of the world's forests amounts to death of the world we currently know. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

10/Are our zoos cruel to wild animals? Discuss.

11/Zoos are sometimes seen as necessary but not poor alternatives to a natural environment. Discuss some of the arguments for and/or against keeping animals in zoos.

12/To what extent will migration from the developing world to the developed world become a social and political issue in the 21st century?

13/ In Israel , when someone gets old, they often go to live in a home with other old people where there are nurses to look after them. Sometimes the government has to pay for this care. Who should be responsible for our old people? Give reasons.

Informal letters-

1. Inviting a friend

You are studying English at a private language school attended by many international students. You are planning a surprise birthday party for a friend who has been feeling particularly sad and homesick. Write to another classmate and invite him / her to the party. In your letter:

- explain the reason for the party
- give the date and time of the party
- suggest what the classmate could bring to the party

Begin your letter as follows: Dear _____

You should write at least 100 words. You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

2. Advising a friend about a holiday

An English-speaking friend wants to spend a two-week holiday in your region and has written asking for information and advice. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter:

- offer to find somewhere to stay
- give advice about what to do
- give information about what clothes to bring

Begin your letter as follows: Dear _____

You should write at least 100 words.

3. Apologizing to a friend

You borrowed an important textbook from a classmate last term. You now realize your classmate had returned home overseas and you still have the book. Write a letter to to him / her. In your letter:

- apologize for the mistake
- find out how important the book is to him / her
- say what you will do

Begin your letter as follows: Dear _____

You should write at least 100 words. You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

4. Thanking a friend for a holiday

You have recently been to stay with an old friend for a few days. You hadn't seen each other for a long time. Write a letter to the friend. In your letter:

- say how you felt about the visit
- refer to something enjoyable that you did while staying with him / her
- invite your friend to visit you

Begin your letter as follows: Dear _____

You should write at least 100 words. You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

5. Advising a friend about work

An English-speaking friend is coming to study in your town next year and has written asking for information and advice. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter:

- Offer to find a place for him / her to live
- Give advice about how to find a part-time job
- Give information on where he / she can learn your language

Begin your letter as follows: Dear _____

You should write at least 100 words. You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.