

# Useful Phrases

When you are writing you may slip into the trap of repeating your sentence openers. In order to avoid this, we have collated a series of phrases for you to incorporate within your essay.

- **Factors:**  
 Numerous different factors may account for...  
 One of the main factors contributing to...  
 The most obvious factor....  
 ....is a common factor in...  
 Factors mitigating against...
- **Contexts:**  
 In the context of...  
 In a different context...
- **Contrasts:**  
 In order to gain a deeper understanding of ? ... ? should be considered  
 Having examined?... it is important to explore?  
 By contrast...  
 Conversely...The contrast between ? and ? Can be explained by...
- **Evidence:**  
 ?... Refers to...  
 ?... Points out...  
 Although... it has been suggested that...  
 The following illustrates...

- **Introductory phrases:**  
 ..believe that...  
 In order to...  
 In the event of...  
 However...  
 Finally...
- **Chapter Introduction:**  
 In this chapter...will be discussed...  
 A commonly held view...  
 I will explore...  
 A recent study investigating...  
 Over the past century...  
 This report looks specifically at...

## Connectives and useful linking phrases:

- **Similarity:**  
 In addition to this...  
 Considerations of this kind...  
 This view is supported by...  
 Evidence to support this view can be found...
- **Contrast:**  
 On the other hand...  
 Conversely...  
 However, it could be argued that...  
 ...looks at this from a different point of view...  
 ...objects that...  
 ...states that...
- **Neutral:**  
 On balance...  
 It could be argued that...  
 Nevertheless...  
 On the whole...  
 As a consequence...

