

# Academic Writing: Useful Expressions

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## Useful Academic Expressions

These are some useful expressions used in academic writing:

### 1. Stating your own position on a Subject or Topic

- This paper aims at...
- This paper will be concerned with...
- The aim of this paper is to...
- The point of this article is to...
- It shall be argued in this paper/essay/review that...
- The view presented in this paper/essay/review is that..

### 2. Presenting your own point of view

- I strongly believe that...
- To my mind...
- As I see it...
- It seems to me evident/obvious that...
- I feel that...
- I think/contend that...
- There are many reasons why...
- It is important/necessary to point out that...
- The first thing to be considered is...
- It is a fact that...

### 3. Supporting your view and adding more information:

- The first/second reason why...is...
- Firstly/Secondly...
- not only ...but also...
- The most important...
- In addition, ...
- Furthermore, ...
- What is more, ...
- Another reason is ...
- A further point is ...

### 4. Stating the view of Another Person on a Subject or Topic

- Harris's approach (1970, p. 1) can be described as follows...
- Chomsky (1965, p. 133) maintains/argues/asserts/claims/points out that...
- Th authors views ca be stated as follows...
- The opinion of Chomsky (1965, p. 133) is that...
- Chomsky (1965, p. 133)) has suggested that ....

- According to Smith (1992, p. 123), ...
- It is thought by some theorists, for example, Chomsky (1965, p. 133) and Harris (1970, p. 1) that...

### 5. Agreeing with the Views of Others

- I don't agree with the authors ideas/thoughts...because...
- I don't think the author's views are accurate...because...
- Chomsky (1965, p. 133) is certainly/may be correct/accurate in saying that ... because...
- As Chomsky (1965, p. 133) says/states ...
- Like Chomsky (1965, p. 133), it can be agreed that .... because...

### 6. Disagreeing with the Views of Others

- Chomsky (1965, p. 133) fails to address the issue when he says "... " because ...
- When Chomsky (1965, p. 133) argues that .... his reasoning is questionable because....
- One of the main arguments against Chomsky (1965, p. 133) and Harris (1970, p. 1) is that ...
- Harris (1970) approach/position/methods is/are somewhat inadequate/inaccurate/insufficient because...
- There is some doubt that...

### 7. Indicating a Lack of Knowledge in a Particular Topic or Subject

- Despite the book's attempts to... it lacks accuracy...
- What I find lacking in the research is...
- Although the research has tended to focus on.....rather less attention has been paid to...
- Most studies, such as Harris (1970, p. 1) and Chomsky (1965, p. 133) have emphasized/concentrated on/focused on inadequate /insufficient....

### 8. Drawing a Conclusion Using the Work of Others

- To sum up, ...
- In a nutshell, ...
- As a conclusion, ...
- As a summary, ...
- All in all, ...
- To conclude, ...
- Based on these authors, a connection can be made between...
- It can be concluded from what Jones (2004, p. 2) and Smith (2002, p. 1) have stated that... is ...
- When Smith's (2001, p.52) work/paper is looked at closely, it is seen that...
- One outcome of Smith's (2001, p.52) work/paper/research is ...