

Useful language

Agreeing

- Jane Smith rightly / correctly / insightfully points out that
- As Jane Smith argues / claims / points out
- Smith is correct / right when she claims that ...
- Smith is right to point out that ...
- I fully agree with / share Jane Smith's point of view on this matter because
- The strength in Smith's argument lies in her assertion / recognition that...
- Smith's perceptive / persuasive / insightful analysis underscores / highlights / reveals / demonstrates
- One strength of Smith's interpretation / arguments is ...

Disagreeing

- Jane Smith wrongly / mistakenly claims that
- Jane Smith is surely wrong / mistaken / grossly exaggerating when she claims that....
- The weakness in Smith's arguments lies in her assertion that...
- One weakness / problem / contradiction in Smith's argument is her claim that....
- One problem with Smith's interpretation is
- What this arguments ignores/simplifies is...

Modifying/Qualifying

- While Smith makes some important points, she overlooks / ignores / fails to take into account....
- While Smith no doubt reflects the point of view of many critics, her interpretation is rather simplistic / reductive and fails to consider
- Admittedly, Smith is right to claims that; however, she does not take into account / she fails to recognise etc.
- Admittedly, Smith has a point; however, her argument is rather reductive ...
- I partially agree with Smith; however, on the subject of ... my opinion differs.

- I partially agree with Smith's arguments, though I would place more / less emphasis on....
- I do not fully agree with Smith's point of view, because..
- One the issue / matter / subjects of ... I fully agree with Smith's conclusions; however, as far as ...is / are concerned I have to disagree...

Expressing your own opinion

- I will show that, I will demonstrate that, I will prove that, I will explain that...
- I would have to argue that...
- It seems to me that....
- That fact of the matter is that....

Introducing support for arguments

- This is obvious / apparent / evident in that fact that...
- This can be amply illustrated / demonstrated by
- One prime example of this is
- The most obvious example is
- The strength of this arguments can be illustrated by / is evident in ...
- If one considers it becomes obvious that
- To support this position one only need think of