



35 IELTS Writing Phrases for Task 2 (copy paste!) 2018

Stating the focus of the essay

The central thesis of this essay is that ...

The main topics / issues covered in this essay are ...

This essay argues that ...

This essay discusses the case of ...

This essay has three key aims ...

This essay critically examines the view of

This essay addresses the issue of

This essay compares the two different viewpoints of ...

This essay assesses the significance of ...

This essay explores the factors that determine ...

The primary aim of this essay is to ...

The aim of this essay is to analyse effects of ...

The aim of this essay is to discuss some of the prominent issues related to ...

The aim of this essay is to review different viewpoints related to ...

Specifically, the following issues will be addressed ...

Stating the focus of the paragraph

This paragraph focuses on ...

This paragraph gives a brief view of ...

This paragraph describes the effect of ...

This paragraph discusses the significant findings ...

This paragraph ties together distinct viewpoints ...

The aim of this paragraph is ...

This paragraph seeks to address the impact of ...

This paragraph seeks to determine ...

Previous research from a historical perspective

Over the past decade, most research in _____ has emphasized the use of _____
Research in TOPIC has a long history...

For many years, this phenomenon was surprisingly neglected by GOVERNMENTS / EMPLOYERS
/ ???

Only in the past twenty years have studies of _____ directly addressed how ...

Historically, research investigating the factors associated with _____ has focussed on _____ .

Over the past few decades major advances in _____ have allowed _____.
Numerous studies have attempted to explain...

Backing up your claims with evidence from a historical perspective

Several lines of evidence suggest that ...

Previous research established that ...

Data from several studies suggest that ...

It is now well established from a variety of studies that ...

Many historians have argued ...

WARNING

These are very useful, but like ALL vocabulary, they need to be used in context.

These are like crutches. With crutches your legs don't get strong, they get weaker.

Use these phrases SPARINGLY.

WARNING:

The aim of this paragraph is to discuss the various issues mentioned previously and determine the considerable and important factors relevant to this issue, furthermore almost all of the topics analysed will be summarised and thoroughly reviewed for further evaluation.

EXAMPLE 1 - Stating the focus of the essay

Some people spend a lot of money attending cultural or sports events. Is it a good or a bad thing? Give your opinion and examples from your own experience.

Both sporting events and cultural activities are said to be becoming increasingly expensive, buyers of such events also appear undeterred by the high prices. **The aim of this essay is to review different viewpoints...** related to expenditure on such events, first by analysing the personal importance of such events for certain people, and second by reviewing the dangers associated of this behaviour.

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Previous research from a historical perspective

Over the past decade, most research in _____ has emphasized the use of _____

Over the past decade, most research in **consumer spending on leisure activities** has emphasized the **health benefits derived from watching famous sports stars or singers perform their trade**.

EXAMPLE 2 - Stating the focus of the essay

Government should provide 24/7 free public transportation to reduce traffic congestion. Do you agree or disagree?

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Over the past few decades major advances in _____ have allowed _____.

Over the past few decades major advances in **the study of traffic** have allowed **governments to conclude that the flow of traffic in a city has an impact on productivity and wealth generated**.

Previous research from a historical perspective

Historically, research investigating the factors associated with **congested cities** has ~~focussed on~~ covered issues such as pollution, safety, and the costs.

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