

DISCUSSION WRITING HELPERS

WORDS THAT SIGNAL COMPARISON - A comparison examines how two or more things are similar:

alike	as	as well as	equal	equally	in a similar fashion
in the same way	just as	likewise	resemble	same	similar
similarity	similarly	like	in a similar way	just like	the same as

WORDS THAT SIGNAL CONTRAST - A contrast looks at how two or more things are different:

although	as opposed to	at the same time	but	by contrast	conversely
despite	difference	different	different from	differently	even though
in contrast	in spite of	instead	more	most	nevertheless
on the contrary	on the other hand	still	to the contrary	unlike	yet

INFORMATIVE VERBS - replace passive or helping verbs with informative verbs in order to easily discuss your main idea:

recognise	understand	learn about	discover	uncover	reveal
study	examine	observe	analyse	investigate	find out
focus on	research	know	delve	consider	determine
remember	explore	be familiar with	be on the lookout	become aware of	evidence