

Good Essay Phrases

Note: Being able to implement these phrases in your writing, when appropriate, can help increase your score.

1. with the booming of the economy
2. with the remarkable improvement of people's living standard
3. advanced science and technology
4. add much spice / flavor to our daily life
5. It is commonly believed that...
6. I give my vote to the former / latter opinion.
7. Sth. has aroused wide public concern. / Sth has drawn great public attention.
8. It is undeniable that...
9. a heated discussion / debate
10. a controversial issue
11. As far as I am concerned, / Personally,
12. be supported by sound reasons
13. argument on both sides
14. play an increasingly important role in...
15. be indispensable to ...
16. As the proverb goes:
17. exert positive / negative effects on...
18. The advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.
19. lead to / give rise to / contribute to / result in
20. a complicated social phenomenon
21. sense of responsibility / achievement
22. sense of competition and cooperation
23. widen one's horizon / broaden one's vision
24. acquire knowledge and skills
25. financial burden / psychological burden
26. take many factors into consideration
27. from another perspective
28. make joint efforts
29. be beneficial to / be conducive to...
30. make contributions to the society
31. lay a solid foundation for...
32. comprehensive quality
33. be committed / devoted to...
34. Admittedly,
35. unshakable duty
36. satisfy / meet the needs of...
37. a reliable source of information
38. valuable natural resources
39. The main / leading reasons are listed as follows:
40. convenient and efficient
41. in all aspects of human life
42. environmentally friendly materials

43. a symbol of society progress
44. Sth has greatly facilitated people's lives.
45. hold different attitudes towards this issue
46. to some extent
47. integrate theory with practice
48. an irresistible trend of...
49. the increasingly keen social competition
50. immediate interest/ short-term interest
51. long-term interest
52. ... has its own merits and demerits / pros and cons
53. do harm to / be harmful to / be detrimental to
54. exchange ideas / emotions / information
55. keep pace with / keep abreast with the latest development of...
56. the healthy development of...
57. attach great importance to...
58. social status
59. focus one's time and energy on...
60. expand one's scope of knowledge
61. both physically and mentally
62. be directly / indirectly related to...
63. give rise to / lead to / spell various problems
64. believe, claim, maintain, argue, insist, hold the opinion / belief / view that
65. relieve stress / burden
66. give (top) priority to sth.
67. compared with.../ in comparison with
68. degradable / decomposable material
69. replace / substitute / take the place of
70. offer job opportunities
71. mirror the social progress/advance
72. enhance / promote mutual understanding
73. make full use of / take advantage of
74. suffer from heavier work pressure
75. guarantee the stability and prosperity of our society
76. put more emphasis on...
77. adapt oneself to the social development
78. realize one's dream
79. We still have a long way to go.

(a) Describing the general background

It's widely/commonly/extensively/generally accepted (believed/ recognized/ acknowledge) that...

Express “Now”

At present,/ Currently,/In this day and age/ In present-day society,/These days,/ In today's society,/In the present age,/ In contemporary society,/ Nowadays,...

Suggestions and Advice

- ... has revolutionized/ transformed/ fundamentally changed our lives.
- ...plays an increasingly important/ signify role in...
- ...is advancing/progressing by leaps and bounds.
- ...continues to advance at a staggering/ an astonishing rate.
- The progress/The progression in...has enabled us to...
- ...has assumed/ played an increasingly essential role in...
- Today the ...(communication /exchange) has been intensified.
- The impact of...on...has been massive indeed.
- Gone are the days when...

(b) Expressing Concern

- The issue of...is increasingly disturbing/ worrying /worrisome/ severe.
- ...has been deteriorating at an alarming rate.
- The issue of ...has drawn widespread attention.
- With..., the problem of ...has been thrown into sharp relief.
- With the incidence of hovering at high levels, many people have become alarmed.
- The incidence of...has been on the rise.
- ...is having profound impact/ repercussions/implications on...
- Today, there are a multitude of competing claims on the limited resource of ...

- The swift changes in...have brought the issue of ...into sharp focus.
- The proliferation of ...has rendered many citizens fearful.
- As an inevitable consequence of... , ...

(c) Introducing the topic

- The debate over whether...has been raging for some time.
- People remain divided over whether...
- People are divided over whether...
- There is no consensus on whether ...yet
- The issue of whether...has triggered intense debate.
- The issue of whether...has caused quite a stir.
- Whether...has aroused heated debate.
- Whether...has been a highly debatable issue.
- When it comes to..., people tend to hold different views.
- There has been much discussion revolving around the issue of whether...
- Today, an issue that has given rise to much debate is whether...
- People tend to have mixed opinions on...
- There have been mixed reactions to...

(d) Expressing Agreement/Disagreement

① Expressing Agreement

- This essay tends to agree with...
- Another valid point relates to.
- Agreeing with that point...
- Favoring that argument...
- We could go on further and say...

- This view has considerable merit.

② Expressing Disagreement

- This author disagrees with...
- This author doesn't share their point of view.
- This author doesn't go along with...
- Those ideas will not work.
- There may be other possibilities.
- A different experience would speak otherwise.
- The exact opposite is true.

③ Expressing Partial Agreement

- Theoretically, that maybe true. But in reality, ...
- That maybe true to certain extent, but we also have to consider...
- Speaking for myself, I agree with their proposition, with certain qualifications.
- Admittedly, there is an element of truth in...

(e) Signpost word

① First,.../ First of all, / To begin with,.../ To start with, /To start off with,.../ In the first place,...

② Second,.../ Also, / In the second place,.../ ...as well. / Further,.../ Furthermore,... / Moreover,.../ Aside from.../ Apart from,.../ In addition to.../ Besides,...

③ Third, / Most importantly, / Additionally,/ In addition...

④ In conclusion, / In summary/ To sum up/ In the final analysis/ Based on the arguments offered above/ Based on all these arguments,.../ On the basis of the above discussion/ Accordingly,/ Hence,/ Thus,/ Therefore,

(f) Giving Your Reason

① The chief/principal/primary/first and foremost/main reason for...is...

② A second /Another factor that should be taken into account is...

③ A third /Yet another thing we should consider is.../ A third argument that we should not neglect is.../The most significant aspect of this issue is...

(f) Expressing Concession

- Admittedly,/Granted,/To be sure,/ Undeniably,/ Indisputably,/ Certainly,...
- I concede that ...Nevertheless,...
- I recognize that...Nonetheless,...
- It may be tempting to argue that... However,...
- It may be true that... Still,...
- This is reasonable to the extent that... Despite that...
- This is valid insofar as... But closer examination would reveal that...
- This argument has considerable merit in that... But further analysis would make it clear that...