

### Sentence starters

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Premièrement, examinons...   | Firstly, lets examine...         |
| Maintenant, explorons...     | Now, lets explore...             |
| Donc on pourrait dire que... | Therefore we could say that...   |
| On peut voir...              | We can see...                    |
| Finalement...                | Finally...                       |
| Tout d'abord                 | First of all                     |
| Un premier lieu              | Firstly                          |
| Néanmoins                    | Nevertheless                     |
| Deuxièmement                 | Secondly                         |
| De plus                      | Moreover                         |
| En outre                     | In addition                      |
| Donc                         | So/Therefore                     |
| Par contre                   | On the other hand                |
| En fait                      | In fact                          |
| D'une part.....d'autre part  | On the one hand.....on the other |
| Pourtant                     | And yet                          |
| Cependant                    | However                          |
| En revanche                  | On the other hand                |
| Pour conclure                | To conclude                      |

### Concluding phrases

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| En conclusion          | In conclusion        |
| En guise de conclusion | By way of concluding |
| Et pour terminer       | And to finish        |
| Et en dernier lieu     | And finally          |

### Concluding phrases (cont)

|                                                           |                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| En somme                                                  | To sum up                                             |
| Pour conclure                                             | To conclude                                           |
| Alors                                                     | So                                                    |
| Tout bien considéré                                       | All things considered/On the whole                    |
| En gros                                                   | On the whole                                          |
| Dans l'ensemble                                           | On the whole                                          |
| En définitive                                             | Ultimately                                            |
| Grâce à                                                   | Thanks to                                             |
| À cause de                                                | Because of                                            |
| En bref                                                   | In brief                                              |
| On peut déduire que                                       | We can deduce that                                    |
| Il est évident, d'après ce qui précède, que(+subjunctive) | It's clear, after everything said, that(+subjunctive) |
| Le problème se résume donc à ceci:                        | The problem therefore comes down to this:             |
| La conclusion inéluctable à laquelle on aboutit est que   | The inevitable conclusion we arrive at is that        |
| On peut aboutir qu'à une seule conclusion logique         | We can only arrive at one logical conclusion          |

### Making a point

|                                   |                                         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| À première vue                    | At first sight                          |
| Franchement                       | Frankly/to be honest                    |
| Il est important de (+infinitive) | It's important to (+infinitive)         |
| Il est essentiel de (+infinitive) | It's essential to (+infinitive)         |
| Il va de soi que                  | It goes without saying that             |
| Il va sans dire                   | It goes without saying/ needless to say |
| Le souci prédominant              | The main worry                          |
| Il y a plusieurs raisons          | There are many reasons                  |

### Developing a point

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Parce que       | Because                    |
| Car             | Because                    |
| Ensuite         | Then/Afterwards/Next       |
| Alors           | So                         |
| Donc            | So/Therefore               |
| Ainsi           | Therefore/Thus             |
| Par conséquent  | Consequently               |
| D'ailleurs      | Besides/Anyway/What's more |
| En plus         | What's more                |
| De l'autre côté | On the other hand          |
| Mais            | But                        |
| Et pourtant     | And yet                    |



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### Useful little words + phrases

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| À cet égard              | In that respect         |
| À l'égard de             | With regard to          |
| Quant à                  | As for                  |
| Étant donné que          | Given that              |
| Malgré                   | Despite                 |
| En général               | Generally               |
| Dans une large mesure    | On the whole            |
| Dans l'ensemble          | On the whole            |
| On verra                 | We will see             |
| Et ainsi de suite        | And so on and so forth  |
| Toujours est-il que      | The fact remains that   |
| Il est à noter que       | It should be noted that |
| Jusqu'à un certain point | To a certain extent     |
| Vu que                   | Considering/Seeing that |
| En effet                 | In fact                 |
| À en juger que           | On the evidence that    |
| Après tout               | After all               |
| Ajoutons que             | Let's add that          |
| À propos de              | Regarding               |
| Par rapport à            | In relation to          |



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