

NARRATE**Share Personal Experience**

How did you feel when ... ?

Have you experienced ... ?

What happened when ... ?

What else do you remember about ... ?

Once, I thought I saw ...

A mistake I made was ...

I remember/recall a time when ...

I was once in a situation where ...

This makes me think of when I ...

NARRATE**Sequence**

What did you do/say when ... ?

What happened next?

At first, ...

Some time later, ...

After ..., ...

It all started when ...

I was ... when ...

NARRATE**Describe Cause and Effect**

Can you explain how ... ?

... was a result of ...

Some effects of ... are ...

Because ..., ...

I was surprised by ... because ...

The most likely reason for ... was ...

NARRATE**Report**

What did you think about ... ?

I was surprised to learn ...

I wasn't aware that ...

One detail that supports my opinion is ...

Another benefit is ...

Another point of view is ...

According to ..., ...

... thinks that ... because ...

One idea my partner mentioned is that ...

INFORM**Define**

What does ... mean?

How do you define ...?

Can you explain what ... is?

What do you know about ...?

Can you give examples of ...?

... is defined as ...

The definition of ... is

A ... can be defined as ... For example, ...

One example of ... is ...

Someone who is ... is ...

INFORM**Describe**

Can you describe ... ?

I see that ...

I noticed that ...

I observed that ...

One ... described in the text was ...

A new idea I heard was ...

After reading the ..., I felt ...

INFORM**Relate Personal Experiences**

Personally, I . . .

In my experience, . . .

In my family, . . .

My most memorable story is . . .

A mistake I made was . . .

I remember a time when . . .

I was once in a situation where . . .

INFORM**Organize/ Describe a Process**

Can you explain how ... ?

In this process, ...

My process involves ... First, I ... Then, I ...

The first step is to ...

First, I would ...

After I ..., I ...

INFORM**Compare and Contrast**

How are ... and ... the same? How are they different?

Some similarities/differences are ...

Our ideas are similar/different because ...

A key similarity/difference is ...

An important similarity/difference is ...

Another way they are similar/different is ...

Compared with others, ...

Unlike ..., ... is ...

On the other hand, ...

One advantage of ... is ...

INFORM**Categorize or Classify**

What characteristics do these have in common?

One important characteristic of ... is ...

... and ... are types of ... because ...

For example, they both ...

Characteristics of ... include ... and ...

INFORM**Describe a Problem-Solution**

What is one solution to this problem?

What is a possible solution?

... is a big problem because ...

... is an issue because ...

A possible solution is ...

One solution could be ...

One change we can make is to ...

The solution to this problem is ...

In order to solve this problem, we first need to ...

EXPLAIN**Give an explanation**

Can you explain why ... ?

Why do you think that ... ?

How did ... ?

What techniques did ... ?

Why do people ... ?

For instance/For example, ...

My reason for this is ...

... results in ...

... is a result of ...

... makes it easy/hard to ...

If you ..., the result is ...

EXPLAIN**Synthesize Information and Conclude**

How do ... and ... relate to each other?

One connection between ... and ... is ...

This connection is important because ...

From my observations, I've concluded that ...

EXPLAIN**Reflect on Learning or Personal Experience**

What else did you learn about ... ?

What surprised you about ... ?

I've learned ...

A new idea I learned ...

The most surprising information is ...

I was surprised to learn ...

I would/wouldn't do it again because ...

At first, I thought ... But now I think ...

When I discovered ..., I felt ...

EXPLAIN**Propose a Solution**

How would you solve this problem?

First, I would . . .

I suggest you . . .

I'd like to suggest that . . .

EXPLAIN**Analyze Information**

What is the main idea?

Why is . . . important?

How or why is this significant?

The purpose of . . . is . . .

The main reason is . . . Another reason is . . .

One connection between . . . and . . . is . . .

This indicates . . .

Consequently, . . .

EXPLAIN**Give Constructive Feedback**

I like how you . . .

I really enjoyed . . .

My favorite part of your essay is . . .

What I like most about your . . . is . . .

Your . . . helped me understand . . .

You could add . . .

You could improve . . . by . . .

I think you need more details about . . .

One suggestion for revision is . . .

In your next draft, I would like to hear more about . . .

ARGUE**Cite Evidence**

What evidence supports . . . ?

My evidence is . . .

One detail that supports my idea/opinion is . . .

ARGUE

Express an Opinion

In your opinion, what ... ?

What are your thoughts about ... ?

What do you think about ... ?

Do you believe that ... ?

Did you change your opinion about ... ?

In my opinion, ...

In my view, ...

I agree/don't agree that ...

I agree/disagree with that opinion because ...

It seems to me that ...

Another point of view is ...

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Give Reasons

What are your reasons for ... ?

Why do you think that ... ?

Why do you agree/disagree?

Why do you say that?

I think ... because ...

I want/don't want to ... because ...

I enjoy/do not enjoy ... because ...

My reason for this is ...

I found ... convincing because ...

I agree/disagree with ... because ...

This is important because ...

ARGUE

Make Predictions

What do you predict will ... ?

Why do you predict that ... ?

What do you think will ... ?

I predict that ...

I think ... might ...

In the future, ... will ... because ...