

ARGUMENT SENTENCE STEMS AND TRANSITIONS

Evidence

The author/article/passage states that...

The author claims that ...

The author says/states...

According to the text/author, ...

Explanation of Evidence

In other words, the author believes that...

This shows/explains/illustrates...

This means/confirms/suggests...

This argument is weak because...

Reasoning (connecting evidence to claim)

This is important because...

This evidence suggests...

This shows that...

This confirms...

Counterclaim

People who disagree/Critics may claim...

Some might argue...

Transitions

In addition,

In contrast,

Another key point is...

Consequently,

For instance,

Similarly,