

## Academic Language for Compare and Contrast

	Helpful Signal Words	Sample Sentence Frames
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Like, is the same</li> <li>• as</li> <li>• Are the same/ different because</li> <li>• ___er, ___est</li> <li>• ___er than</li> <li>• But</li> <li>• unlike</li> <li>• however</li> <li>• yet</li> <li>• both</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both are / are able to / have / can_____.</li> <li>• _____and _____are similar because they are both_____.</li> <li>• _____and _____are different because _____ is _____ and _____ is_____.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are similar because</li> <li>• have in common</li> <li>• difference between</li> <li>• on the other hand</li> <li>• just like</li> <li>• in contrast to</li> <li>• compared to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although _____and _____have some similar characteristics, they are very different _____.</li> <li>• The majority of _____are_____, while_____ are _____.</li> <li>• The differences/similarities between_____ and_____are_____.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as opposed to</li> <li>• a distinction between</li> <li>• share common attributes</li> <li>• synonymous with</li> <li>• just as</li> <li>• by comparison</li> <li>• each is</li> <li>• whereas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The _____and _____are similar in that_____.</li> <li>• While _____and _____are both_____, there are several major differences between them.</li> <li>• The most noticeable/notable is that the _____has_____, whereas the _____ has_____.</li> <li>• The primary description between _____and _____can be described as_____.</li> </ul>

## Academic Language for Cause and Effect

	Helpful Signal Words	Sample Sentence Frames
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If...then</li> <li>• for this reason</li> <li>• as a result (of)</li> <li>• when (cause),... (effect after (cause)..., (effect)</li> <li>• so</li> <li>• because(of)</li> <li>• therefore</li> <li>• since</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She was _____ because she didn't _____.</li> <li>• If it _____ then we will _____.</li> <li>• He believed _____ since _____.</li> <li>• When _____ is added, then _____ dissolves.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it follows</li> <li>• due to</li> <li>• one reason for</li> <li>• since _____, _____</li> <li>• thus/hence</li> <li>• consequently</li> <li>• the cause of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was discovered that _____. Consequently, _____.</li> <li>• If _____ results in _____, it follows that _____.</li> <li>• _____ has been caused by _____, thus _____.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• even if...would</li> <li>• which in turn</li> <li>• leads/led to</li> <li>• leads me to believe that</li> <li>• once _____, _____</li> <li>• accordingly</li> <li>• due to the fact that</li> <li>• subsequently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even if _____ we would need to _____.</li> <li>• There have been _____, _____ and _____. This leads me to believe that _____.</li> <li>• _____ has/have caused _____. Which, in turn, results/resulted in _____.</li> <li>• Due to the fact that _____, it will most certainly _____.</li> </ul>

**Academic Language for**  
**Elaboration/Description**

	<b>Helpful Signal Words</b>	<b>Sample Sentence Frames</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• includes</li> <li>• belongs</li> <li>• is called</li> <li>• in other words</li> <li>• described</li> <li>• such as</li> <li>• for example</li> <li>• explain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One example of _____ is _____.</li> <li>• _____ is called _____ and belongs to (is part of, is related to) a _____.</li> <li>• _____ can be described as _____.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• displays</li> <li>• known for</li> <li>• demonstrates</li> <li>• contains</li> <li>• put another way</li> <li>• refers to</li> <li>• illustrates</li> <li>• consists of</li> <li>• tends to</li> <li>• in short</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ has _____ and is known for _____.</li> <li>• _____ contains _____ and tends to _____.</li> <li>• _____ is illustrated by _____.</li> <li>• Characteristics (components) of _____ include _____ and _____.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• characterized by</li> <li>• associated with</li> <li>• understood as</li> <li>• exhibits</li> <li>• put differently</li> <li>• defined by</li> <li>• reflects</li> <li>• by extension</li> <li>• identified by</li> <li>• in essence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicators of _____ are defined by _____.</li> <li>• Frequently associated with _____, _____ is understood as _____.</li> <li>• _____ is widely acknowledged as _____ and exhibits _____.</li> </ul>

## Academic Language for

### Sequencing

	<b>Helpful Signal Words</b>	<b>Sample Sentence Frames</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• believe</li> <li>• opinion</li> <li>• problem</li> <li>• agree/disagree</li> <li>• reasons</li> <li>• for example</li> <li>• in fact</li> <li>• suggests</li> <li>• solution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I believe that _____. I believe this because _____.</li> <li>• It is my opinion that _____.</li> <li>• There is no problem with _____. The proof of this problem is _____ and _____.</li> <li>• I disagree with _____ because _____.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• states</li> <li>• argues</li> <li>• supports</li> <li>• position</li> <li>• view</li> <li>• according to</li> <li>• proposes</li> <li>• evidence</li> <li>• clearly</li> <li>• most importantly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to _____, _____ is a serious problem.</li> <li>• In support of this position, I would argue that _____.</li> <li>• The evidence suggests that _____.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• asserts</li> <li>• claims</li> <li>• defends</li> <li>• persuades</li> <li>• based on</li> <li>• ultimately</li> <li>• apparently</li> <li>• therefore</li> <li>• nevertheless</li> <li>• moreover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nevertheless, the evidence strongly suggests that _____.</li> <li>• _____ defends this position by _____.</li> <li>• Ultimately, we must agree that _____.</li> </ul>

## Academic Language for

# Proposition and Support

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<b>G O O D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first, second</li> <li>• next, later, then</li> <li>• before/after</li> <li>• beginning, middle, end</li> <li>• while</li> <li>• now</li> <li>• finally</li> <li>• earlier</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First, ____ went _____. Then, _____ and _____. Next, there was _____.</li> <li>• After (<u>insert action</u>), the _____.</li> <li>• In the beginning/middle /end, _____.</li> <li>• Now, _____.</li> </ul>
<b>B E T T E R</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for the past</li> <li>• previously</li> <li>• since</li> <li>• eventually</li> <li>• initially</li> <li>• meanwhile</li> <li>• immediately</li> <li>• during</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the past _____.</li> <li>• Initially _____, then _____.</li> <li>• Immediately before/after _____, _____.</li> <li>• Meanwhile _____ was taking place/occurring/happening.</li> </ul>
<b>B E S T</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prior to</li> <li>• subsequently</li> <li>• simultaneously</li> <li>• preceding</li> <li>• following</li> <li>• concluding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior to _____, _____.</li> <li>• Subsequently, as a result of _____, _____ occurred/happened.</li> <li>• Preceding the events/actions of _____, _____.</li> <li>• Simultaneously _____ and _____ were taking place/occurring.</li> </ul>