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Academic & Formal Words

Word / Phrase	Type	Meaning	Example
Substantial	adj.	Large in amount or importance	There has been a substantial increase in car ownership.
Consequently	adv.	As a result	Prices rose sharply; consequently, demand fell.
Furthermore	adv.	In addition to what has been said	Furthermore, the study found a similar trend in rural areas.
Predominant	adj.	Main or most noticeable	Agriculture remains the predominant industry in the region.
Notably	adv.	Especially, particularly	Notably, the youngest age group showed the greatest change.
Comprise	v.	To consist of, be made up of	The committee comprises five elected members.
Facilitate	v.	To make an action easier	Technology facilitates communication across long distances.
Inevitable	adj.	Certain to happen	Some environmental damage is an inevitable result of growth.
Ambiguous	adj.	Open to more than one interpretation	The instructions were ambiguous and confused many students.
Plausible	adj.	Reasonable or believable	This is a plausible explanation for the sudden change.

Linking Words & Connectors

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Nevertheless	adv.	In spite of that	The plan was expensive; nevertheless, it was approved.
Whereas	conj.	In contrast to the fact that	Men preferred outdoor sports, whereas women preferred indoor activities.
Provided that	conj.	On condition that	You may attend, provided that you register in advance.
In light of	phrase	Considering, because of	In light of recent events, the policy was reviewed.
Owing to	phrase	Because of	Owing to heavy rainfall, the event was postponed.

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On the whole	phrase	Generally speaking	On the whole, the results support the initial hypothesis.
To a certain extent	phrase	Partly, but not completely	To a certain extent, the two studies agree.
As a consequence	phrase	As a result	As a consequence, several factories closed down.

Opinion & Argument (Writing Task 2)

Word / Phrase	Type	Meaning	Example
It is widely believed that...	phrase	Introduces a common opinion	It is widely believed that technology improves education.
A compelling argument can be made that...	phrase	Introduces a strong claim	A compelling argument can be made that cities should limit traffic.
This raises the question of...	phrase	Introduces a related issue	This raises the question of who should bear the cost.
On balance	phrase	Considering everything	On balance, the advantages outweigh the drawbacks.
It could be argued that...	phrase	Presents a counter-view	It could be argued that stricter laws reduce freedom.
From my perspective	phrase	Introduces personal opinion	From my perspective, both approaches have merit.

Describing Trends (Writing Task 1)

Word / Phrase	Type	Meaning	Example
Fluctuate	v.	To rise and fall irregularly	Prices fluctuated throughout the year.
Plummet	v.	To fall suddenly and steeply	Sales plummeted after the price increase.
Surge	v./n.	A sudden strong increase	There was a surge in demand during summer.
Plateau	v./n.	To level off after a rise	Growth plateaued in the final quarter.
Marginal	adj.	Very small in size or importance	The marginal increase was barely noticeable.
Steady	adj.	Regular and even	The company saw steady growth over five years.
Peak	n./v.	The highest point	Sales peaked in December before declining.

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Overtake	v.	To go past, become greater than	China overtook the US in that category by 2020.

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