

## ANALYSIS AND OPINION

When you write or speak, you need to explain your thinking clearly and logically. Using the following expressions will help you to articulate your thoughts on a variety of topics. There are many phrases and connecting expressions that you can use to make any essay or speech flow more smoothly. Please begin to incorporate the following into your work.

### Expressions for Introductions

*al principio*

*ya*

*todavía*

*a partir de*

*conviene*

*es necesario, preciso,*

*interesante, etc.*

*con respecto a*

*en cuanto a*

*en lo tocante a*

*tratar con*

*tiene que ver con*

*a continuación*

at the beginning

already

still

from the time that...

it is fitting, suitable, convenient

it is necessary, interesting, etc. (or

use another tense of *ser*)

with respect to

with regard to

with regard to

to deal with, to have to do with

to have to do with

below, following

### Defining Concepts

*ejemplificar*

*consistir en*

*constar de*

*caracterizarse por*

*significar*

*querer decir*

*servir para*

*sugerir (ie, i)*

to serve as an example

to consist of (notice the difference  
in prepositions)

to consist of, to be composed of

to be characterized by

to signify

to mean

to serve to

to suggest

### Developing and Relating Ideas

*de hecho*  
*del punto de vista...*  
*de la perspectiva de...*  
*de verdad, de veras*  
*en conexión*  
*en realidad*  
*a lo mejor*  
*mejor dicho*

in fact  
from the point of view  
from the perspective of  
really  
in connection  
really  
perhaps, maybe  
more exactly, rather

### Making Comparisons

*no obstante*  
*sin embargo*  
*en cambio*  
*al contrario*  
*tanto mejor*  
*por la mayor parte*

nevertheless  
nevertheless  
on the other hand  
on the contrary  
so much the better  
for the most part, mostly

### Showing Logic or Reasoning

*a causa de*  
*por consiguiente*  
*por eso*  
*bien pensado*  
*como consecuencia*  
*por lo tanto*

because of  
therefore  
for that reason  
well thought-out  
as a consequence  
for that reason, therefore

### Drawing Conclusions

*en breve*  
*al fin y al cabo*  
*al final*  
*por fin*  
*por último*  
*después de todo*  
*de lo anterior... se ve que...*

in short  
in the final analysis  
finally  
finally  
lastly  
after all  
from the above...one sees that...