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| **To Introduce or emphasize your perspective while speaking in class** | **Transitions to Introduce Examples and Experiences** |
| **Verbs** | **Verb Phrases** |
| **When you agree…** |
| **I…**believe agreecontendmaintainconcludesupport | **I…**strongly agree thatagree wholeheartedlyam quite/fully convinced thatam more convinced than ever thatstill maintain thatstill contend thatcontinue to believe that | For exampleFor instanceTo illustrateAs an illustrationIn my experienceBased on my experience as a studentDrawing from my family lifeIn my personal lifeDuring my childhoodIn my school experienceWithin my community/cultureAmongst my peers/classmatesAs a(n)Athlete/student/immigrant/adolescent |
| **When you disagree** |
| **I…**disagreecontendmaintainconclude | **I…**am not quite/fully convinced thatdisagree somewhat thatdisagree entirely thatcannot support the opinion |
| **When you are undecided, or see both sides** |
| **I’m…**undecideduncertainunconvincedunsure | **I…**see both sides of the issueam somewhat undecided whetheram more inclined to believe thatremain unconvinced thatcan’t definitively agree or disagree |

**Commonly Used Transitions In Writing**

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| **Cause and Effect**Accordingly sinceAs a result soConsequently thenHence thereforeIt follows, then thus  | **Addition**Also in factAnd indeedBesides moreoverFurthermore so tooIn addition |
| **Conclusion** As a result soConsequently thusIn conclusion, then therefore Hence to summarizeIt follows, then In short  | **Concession** Admittedly Although it is true that Naturally grantedTo be sure In concede thatof course |
| **Comparison** Along the same lines likewiseIn the same way similarly  | **Example:** After all for instanceAs an illustration specificallyConsider to take a case in pointFor example |
| **Contrast**Although However neverthelessBut While nonethelessBy contrast Yet on the contraryConversely In Contrast on the other handDespite regardless Even though whereas | **Elaboration** Actually to put it in another wayBy extension in shortTo put it succinctly that is Ultimately In other worlds |

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| **Examples of Lead-ins to quotations**  | **Sentence starters for analysis of quotations** |
| **Capturing Authorial action (choosing the right words to describe what the author is doing.)**X acknowledges that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X agrees that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X argues that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X believes that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X Denies/does not deny that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X claims that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X complains that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X concedes that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X demonstrates that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X deplores the tendency to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X celebrates the fact that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X emphasizes that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X insists that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X questions whether \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X refutes the claim that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X reminds us that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X reports that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X suggests that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X urges us to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Explaining Quotations:** Basically X is saying\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_In other words, X believes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_In making this comment, X urges us to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X is corroborating the age old adage that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_X’s point is that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The essence of X’s argument is that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Historically, this is also connected to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_What this implies is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_This is significant because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-X’s statement proves\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_These facts are important because they show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Agreeing with a difference**-X is surely right about\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because, as she may not be aware, recent studies have shown that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.-X’s theory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is extremely useful because it sheds insight on the difficult problem of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. -Those unfamiliar with this school of thought may be interested to know that it basically boils down to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.-I agree that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a point that needs emphasizing since so many people believe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
| **Introducing Quotations**X states, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”As the prominent historian X puts it, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”According to X, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”X himself writes, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”In her book, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, X maintains that “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”Writing in the journal commentary, X complains that “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”In X’s view, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”X agrees when she writes, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”X disagrees when he writes, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”X complicates matters further when he writes, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” | **Disagreeing with reasons**-I think X is mistaken because she overlooks\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-X’s claim that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_rests upon the questionable assumption that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-I disagree with X’s view that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because, as recent research has shown, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-X contradicts herself. On the one hand, she argues\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, she also says. By focusing on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, X overlooks the deeper problem of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   |
| **Signaling who is saying what**

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| X argues | But X is wrong that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| According to both X and Y,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | However, it is simply not true that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| My own view, however, is that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Indeed, it is highly likely that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| X’s assertion that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does not fit the facts | X is right that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| X is wrong that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | X is both right and wrong that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
| Nevertheless, new research shows\_\_\_\_\_.  | Anyone familiar with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should agree that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |

 | **Establishing why your claims matter (X is a topic here)**-X matters because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. -X is important because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. -Although X may seem trivial, it is in fact crucial in terms of today’s concern over\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. -Ultimately, what is at stake here is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. -This evidence has important consequences for the broader historical research about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. -Although X may seem of concern to only a small group of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it should in fact concern anyone who cares about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. -These conclusions have significant implications in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as well as in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. -My discussion of X is in fact addressing the larger matter of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. -This evidence/These findings challenge common assumptions about/that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |