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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  agree  contend  maintain  conclude  support | **I…**  strongly agree that  agree wholeheartedly  am quite/fully convinced that  am more convinced than ever that  still maintain that  still contend that  continue to believe that | For example  For instance  To illustrate  As an illustration  In my experience  Based on my experience as a student  Drawing from my family life  In my personal life  During my childhood  In my school experience  Within my community/culture  Amongst my peers/classmates  As a(n)  Athlete/student/immigrant/adolescent |
| **When you disagree** | |
| **I…**  disagree  contend  maintain  conclude | **I…**  am not quite/fully convinced that  disagree somewhat that  disagree entirely that  cannot support the opinion |
| **When you are undecided, or see both sides** | |
| **I’m…**  undecided  uncertain  unconvinced  unsure | **I…**  see both sides of the issue  am somewhat undecided whether  am more inclined to believe that  remain unconvinced that  can’t definitively agree or disagree |

**Commonly Used Transitions In Writing**

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| **Cause and Effect**  Accordingly since  As a result so  Consequently then  Hence therefore  It follows, then thus | **Addition**  Also in fact  And indeed  Besides moreover  Furthermore so too  In addition |
| **Conclusion**  As a result so  Consequently thus  In conclusion, then therefore  Hence to summarize  It follows, then In short | **Concession**  Admittedly  Although it is true that  Naturally granted  To be sure In concede that  of course |
| **Comparison**  Along the same lines likewise  In the same way similarly | **Example:**  After all for instance  As an illustration specifically  Consider to take a case in point  For example |
| **Contrast**  Although However nevertheless  But While nonetheless  By contrast Yet on the contrary  Conversely In Contrast on the other hand  Despite regardless  Even though whereas | **Elaboration**  Actually to put it in another way  By extension in short  To 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**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |