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## **Aim or purpose**

- aim to do sth.
- This essay aims to show ...
- in order to
- be intended to do sth.
- Be supposed to do sth/be meant to do sth. (fails to achieve)
- aim
- the main aims of
- purpose
- objective
- The principal objective of
- target
- goal
- set themselves a goal of getting
- intention
- it is not my intention here to give a full detailed account of all the

## **subjects and topics**

- about
- on the topic of
- on the subject of (teaching writing)
- concerning
- regarding
- with regard to
- deal with
- be concerned with
- focus on
- subject (the main subject of the theory is the)
- topic
- question
- matter (talking about sth. More generally)
- issue

## **Causes**

- What makes students achieve literacy?
- Lead to
- eventually lead to (has led to)
- inevitably lead to
- bring about (to make sth. happen)
- All attempts to bring about peace have failed
- give rise to

- generate
- be the result of
- result from
- the success was the result of hard work
- stem from
- The product approach stems from
- be a factor
- key factor
- contribute to
- influence
- the origins of
- root
- to get to the root of the problem

## **Disagreeing**

- differ
- take issue with (strongly disagree)...the article's conclusion
- be mistaken
- controversy (there has been a lot of controversy about..)
- a contentious issue a lot of disagreement)
- a divisive issue

## **Study and research**

- investigate
- examine
- evaluate
- analyse
- thesis
- results
- findings
- conclusion

## **Quoting people**

- say
- write
- point out
- note
- remark
- observe
- state
- argue

- conclude
- claim
- according to
- in the words of

## Giving reasons

- because
- the reason for this is ...
- in order to
- through
- as a result of
- due to
- owing to
- there are two main reason for this
- motive (motives behind the decision)
- grounds (there are strong grounds for believing that what he said is true)
- rationale (the teacher outlines the rationale behind the writing method)
- justification (the main justification for the approach)

## Advantages/Disadvantages

- One of the big advantages of
- a distinct **advantage** over
- the car's advantages clearly outweigh its disadvantages
- **benefit**
- there has been a great deal of research into the benefits of peer-feedback
- **merit** (good feature of sth.)
- to discuss the relative merits of the two theories
- The merits and demerits of sth.
- Disadvantage
- serious disadvantages
- a major disadvantage of ...
- **drawback** (disadvantage which make you think that sth. Is no so good, even though it has other advantages)
- the major drawback of this method is

## Effects

- a positive/negative effect
- an adverse effect
- impact
- side effects
- aftereffects (negative)
- knock-on effect
- implications for
- affect
- impact on

## Decreasing

- reduce
- lower
- bring down
- ease
- alleviate (reading exercises help to alleviate the problem of the genre trap)

## Increasing

- grow
- expand
- extend (its influence)
- soar (the approach's popularity soared)
- raise awareness
- boost
- building up
- remain constant
- level off

## Emphasising

- It should be noted that
- it is worth bearing in mind that
- crucial
- vital
- essential
- in particular
- notably & most notably
- above all (and above all, effective)

- most of all (teachers need to..)
- most importantly
- highlight (the issue of)
- underline
- underscore (positive)
- point out

## **Explaining**

- This means that (sentence beginning)
- which means that (at the beginning of a clause)
- that is
- i.e.
- In other words
- to put it another way ( beginning oder eingeschoben)
- to put it simply
- specifically
- explaining
- give/offer7provide an explanation
- set out (explain facts) the document sets exactly how the student should proceed
- outline
- expand on (the teacher expands on his ideas for the activities)
- clarify

## **Giving examples**

- for example
- particularly
- in particular
- good/typical/obvious example
- be shown by
- this is true of
- such as (rephrase sentence to avoid etc.)

## **Giving exceptions**

- except
- apart from
- aside from
- excluding
- not including
- other than (No interests other than the focus on grammar)

## Linking parts of sentences

- and
- also
- too/ as well
- in addition, (In addition to being the dominant approach in L2writing...)
- furthermore
- moreover
- not to mention
- due to
- owing to
- through
- since
- in view of (the students decide in view of their productivity to skip...)
- although
- However,
- Nevertheless, (referring back to previous sentences)
- by contrast
- yet /And yet (And yet teacher still correct comprehensively)
- even so
- even though
- In spite of
- despite
- if
- if necessary
- if possible
- unless
- whether or not
- otherwise
- in case
- assuming that
- as long as
- provided that
- on condition that
- so that
- with the aim of doing sth.
- With a view to doing sth.
- Alternatively
- on the one hand ... on the other hand
- therefore
- so (comma)
- hence (for this reason)
- as a consequence
- consequently
- for this reason

- for these reasons
- with the result that
- thereby
- accordingly

## **Listing and Ordering**

- Firstly/first
- first of all
- secondly/second
- thirdly/third
- then
- next
- in addition
- furthermore(moreover)
- lastly
- finally
- one last/final point
- there are several
- a number of
- as follows (the objectives of the approach can be described as follows: firstly to ....)
- the following

## **Making generalisations**

- most
- mostly
- mainly
- largely (other attempts were largely unsuccessful)
- predominantly
- almost all
- nearly all
- virtually all
- the majority
- in general
- generally
- for the most part
- on the whole
- in the main
- by and large

## Problems and solutions

- issue
- challenge
- difficulty
- complication
- setback
- obstacle (achieving that is a big obstacle for the students)
- pitfall
- dilemma
- vicious circle
- solution
- answer
- way out
- remedy ( a possible way of dealing with sth.)
- prescription
- panacea (utopia)
- magic bullet

## Referring

- above (the point above)
- previous
- preceding
- as has been seen that
- the former (the first of two things)
- the latter
- as follows

## Relate/unrelated

- related
- connected
- linked
- there is a connection
- there is a correlation
- interrelated
- interconnected
- interdependent
- associated
- to bound up with
- relevant
- bear no relation
- discrete (separated)

- distinction
- outside the scope of
- be beyond

## **Showing and proving**

- show
- prove
- demonstrate
- sth. Can be seen
- be evidence of
- be symptomatic of
- reveal
- confirm
- support
- corroborate
- validate
- substantiate (a claim )
- imply
- suggest
- there is some evidence
- give the impression
- lead to the conclusion
- disprove
- refute (sb. Theory)
- invalidate
- demolish (sth. Is completely wrong)

## **Comparing and contrasting**

- compared to/with
- by comparison
- in comparison
- as opposed to
- in contrast
- by contrast (By contrast students really enjoy the tasks)
- in relation to
- in proportion to
- to draw a comparison
- draw a parallel
- draw a distinction between

## Certainty/ Uncertainty

- The teacher are confident of success
- teachers are fully satisfied that
- have no doubt
- be in doubt
- There is no doubt that
- there is no denying of the fact that
- there is no disputing of the fact that

## Agreeing

- to agree **with**
- share Sb's view/concern/fear etc.
- subscribe to a view/theory
- I, for one, do not subscribe to this theory
- concur (to agree)
- Sb is right / Sb makes a valid point
- Cox makes a valid point when he questions our ability to remain objective.
- Agree up to a point
- there is some truth in ..
- common ground
- There are many areas of common ground between
- they found common ground in
- widely held view/belief
- there is a widely held view among...
- widely/generally accepted

## Giving opinions

- In my opinion
- in my view
- in this writer's view/opinion
- Sb's opinion/view is that
- for Sb (for Harmer the writing process looks like a cycle)
- make your views known ( in peer feedback student have the opportunity to make their view known)

## Concluding

- in conclusion, the...
- to summarise:
- to sum up,

- the following conclusion may be drawn
- the main conclusion to be drawn from... is that...
- the purpose /aim of this method ..was to ..
- In this ..I have tried/attempted to

## **Writing for purposes:**

- the producer
- the assignment, the recipient, the adresse
- the target audience
- chain of thoughts
- a logical deduction
- spoken language
- parlance – Ausdrucksweise
- prescriptive
- construction patterns
- surface level – syntax, lexical choice, spelling, punctuation, cohesion, etc.
- language form – fluency, accuracy and vocabulary
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## **Beinhalten:**

- incorporate
- involve
- imply
- include
- comprise/constitute
- take sth. In consideration
- consider
- follow

## **Erreichen:**

- to gain
- to achieve
- to acquire
- to attain/ to attain a goal
- to obtain
- to secure
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## **Students and knowledge:**

- level of attainment – Leistungsniveau
- the rudiments, the basics
- shallow, superficial
- knowledge in depth
- wide ranging, far reaching
- assessment, testing
- evaluation
- learner's autonomy
- ability

## **Quality of teaching**

- stimulating, motivating
- inspirational vs. uninspiring, dreary
- innovative
- didactically well thought out
- authoritarian
- heuristics such as guidelines helping students to develop responding skills
- the tyranny of the red pen
- heuristics – methods of teaching that helps or allows a learner to discover things forhimself
- give lessons
- class -Unterricht
- instruction

- tuition – Unterricht
- consultation hours

## **Approaches :**

- implementation – Anwendung
- to educate, to train
- to impact/ convey information
- arouse / infuse interest
- to encourage / to stimulate
- student-centred
- to learn by heart/ by rote
- to spoon-feed, spoon feeding
- to drill sth. In
- to cram for exams
- teaching from the front
- communicative competence
- underachiever
- studious, receptive
- diligent, industrious
- the attainability of learning goals –Erreichbarkeit von Lernzielen
- teaching aids—Lehrmittel
- error analysis
- the pressure to achieve

## **Learner in the classroom**

- to take an active part in lessons
- to do group work
- the learner as a leader – leitende Lerner
- learning through discovery
- classroom discourse (Klassengespräch)
- stimulus - die Anregung

- getting the students going – schüleraktivierend
- creative interaction
- engrossed, absorbed – voll in Anspruch nehmen
  
- slave away at a paper – sich mit der Arbeit herumquälen
- to write an essay at the drop of a hat
- to conjure up out of nothing
- to suffer from writer's blockade