

Developing the use of Academic Language

Sophisticated phrases



Assertive Phrases:

The writer conveys/presents/contrasts/implies/indicates/creates/reveals

It's clear that the use of....shows how...

By using a the writer shows how ...

By using ... the writer is forcing the audience / reader to...

This would be particularly powerful to an ...audience / reader

The writer would have been influenced by...

Words to show a developed interpretation and to link ideas:

In addition, the use of a

Furthermore, the use of a ... develops the idea of...

This idea is further strengthened by the use of...

Alternatively, the use of...could also show...

This idea could be linked to...

Perhaps the writer's aim is to...

The writer is obviously trying to...

Another interpretation...is...

Discussing method:

The most important word is...

Consequently ...

By using a...the writer creates the impression of...

In particular, the use of...

The word...conveys...

A...has been used to highlight...



Tentative Phrases:

Perhaps The writer's aim is to...

It's possible that the writer wants us to understand ...

It may be that..

It could be argued that...

It is likely...

The writer probably...

It seems that...

This might suggest...

Ambitious vocabulary

Verbs to show analysis and interpretation:

This reveals/ suggests/

implies/depicts/conveys/

emphasises/reinforces/ highlights/ portrays /presents / depicts



Verbs to show writer's intention:

Critiques / subverts / presents / warns /

challenges / explores / questions / considers / examines

Adverbs:

Cleverly, accurately, clearly, ironically, effectively, undoubtedly, above all, notable, especially, significantly, expertly

Words to discuss the effect on the audience / reader:

- Shocked
- Disturbed
- Compelled
- Engaged
- Guilty
- Compassion
- Relief
- Anger
- A sense of injustice
- Intrigued
- This provokes
- This induces
- This forces

Words to discuss tone and mood:

- Critical
- Cynical
- Passionate
- Dispassionate
- Distant
- Awed
- Desolate
- Happy
- Harmonious
- Hopeful
- Foreboding
- Joyful
- Hostile
- Nostalgic
- Negative
- Irritated
- Isolated
- Relaxed
- Restless
- Suspenseful
- Mysterious
- Threatening
- Angry
- Amused
- Bitter
- Condescending
- Demeaning
- Detached
- Humorous
- Lighthearted

