

Commentary Trigger Word List

Commentary is the most important and most difficult part of a paragraph to write. The commentary explains your reasoning. It does not simply paraphrase the evidence/quote or restate the assertion.

Stuck on commentary? Consider using one of these “explaining” words to get started.

Argues (that, for)	Establishes	Represents
Asserts	Explains	Reveals
Attests	Exhibits	Shows
Authenticates	Exposes	Substantiates
Claims	Highlights	Suggests
Confirms	Illustrates	Supports
Contends	Implies	Testifies to
Defends	Indicates	Underscores
Demonstrates	Justifies	Upholds
Denotes	Maintains	Validates
Determines	Manifests	Verifies
Displays	Proves	