

Academic Language: Justification

Academic Language for Justifying a Perspective

Use these academic phrases and terms to effectively write your justification paragraph/essay.

To Introduce or Emphasize your Perspective . . .		Transitions to Introduce Support for Your Perspective
Verbs	Verb Phrases	
when you agree. . .		For example, For instance, To illustrate, As an illustration, One reason I hold this position is __ A compelling reason for __ is __ Another key reason for __ is __ The data on __ clearly indicates __ The evidence on __ points to __ Drawing from my (family, school, work) experience, Based on my experience as a (student athlete, first-generation immigrant), During my childhood, In my school experience, Within my culture/community, Amongst my peers/classmates,
I... believe agree contend maintain conclude support	I ... strongly agree that agree wholeheartedly am quite/fully convinced that am more convinced that ever that still maintain that still contend that continue to believe that	
when you disagree. . .		
I... disagree contend maintain conclude	I ... am not quite/fully convinced that disagree somewhat that disagree entirely that cannot support the position that	
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	

Example Sentences: Stating a Perspective

After reading the article, I am unconvinced that wild animals should be kept as house pets.

After reading the article, I contend that girls should be allowed to participate in boys' sports.

Although the article includes many convincing details, I am somewhat undecided whether it will be safe for girls to participate in aggressive contact sports.

Based on my experience as a child of a veterinarian, I agree with the position raised in the article regarding the usefulness of therapy animals.

After considering the arguments in the article in favor of recycling, I wholeheartedly support a ban on plastic bags.

Although the article provides some reasonable arguments against graffiti, I am not fully convinced that it has little artistic value.