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| Description | Explanation | Retelling/sequencing | Predicting/hypothesising  |
| -it is…and ….-big/small (size)-it is (shape name)-it is a (shape name)-it is soft/hard or hot/cold (texture/properties)-The … is …. and …-This is …. /They are …-It is a (adjective) (noun)-This has … and…-… has …- … have … | -it is …-This is …- They are …- You put… | - First…- Next …- Then …- After that …- Finally … | - I think / It will … because…- The … will …- The … is going to …- I predict that … because…- It is … because …- I don’t think … because … and …- … will happen because …- I know …, so I think …- … will happen because …- Because I know that …, I know that …- Due to …, I know that … |
| -It feels / looks / tastes / sounds / smells like …. because…-It is the same because…-It is different because…-This is … because…-These are …because…-This has …and …because…-….has …because…- …have ….because…As above, use this … looks like …etc | -How / Why / Where / When / What / after- As a result of …- Later…- Then …- Meanwhile …- Furthermore …- Eventually …- in contrast to…- … because… | - Firstly, …- During …- Lastly / Finally …- As a result of … because …- Meanwhile … however …- in conclusion …- Once upon a time …- Once there was …- Later on, …- Eventually, …- Unfortunately, … - Luckily, …- I remember that …- In the end …- To conclude / In conclusion / To sum up | - This is probable because…- …and… are different in that …- They are the same / similar / different …because…- The outcome will be …- I would like to prove / disprove ….- Perhaps the reason for ... is …- Due to the fact that … , I know that … will happen.- As a result of …. , …. will happen.- It is true that … because…- Maybe it is because … |
| -It appears/seems to be …-It reminds me of …because…-It appears to be …because…-It seems to be …. as…-I think it looks like … due to …-It reminds me of … because / therefore / meanwhile…-in comparison to…Idioms e.g. peas in a podDevelop / introduce metaphors and similes. | - Then / as a result of / after…- Furthermore-Because of … x happened-For example…- in conclusion…- To begin with…- As a result of …- The reason(s) for…- … such as…- Due to … x has/ is…- In summary…-Owing to … x has / is …-This has altered …- Evidently, … | - Subsequently, …- In summary …- The consequence of …- Initially, the … were … however …- In the beginning …- With hindsight …- Reflecting upon …- In the event that …- The consequence of … First, Next, Then, After that, Finally…What happened next? What did …?  | -In the light of … I predict….- The is a high / low probability that …- Upon consideration of the relevant factors …- Taking everything into account …- Having analysed …- Having pondered …- If we accept this hypothesis, what else will be true?- Given that … , it is likely that …- Can we prove that …?- The chances of / The likelihood of / Due to the fact that… |

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| Deducing | Argument/opinion | Comparing & Contrasting | Evaluating |
| -It will … because …-It has … because …- I think it will …- I think … because …-I think that …- It is … because …- it has … because …- Why did … happen?- … happened because … | - I think / don’t think … because …- It is / is not … because…- However / Also…- I agree / disagree … because…- In my opinion …- It is right …- It is wrong … | -It is the same / different … because …- They are the same / different because …- It is not the same …- This is … and that is … | -I found … easy / hard … because …-I like / dislike … because…- I feel that…-In my opinion … |
| -This happened … because …- I conclude that …- I found that …- As a result of … I conclude that …- After looking at the data / information / results, I conclude that …- On observing …. I found that .. | - An argument for / against is … because…- I appreciate / understand …’s opinion at one …because / as / due to …- It is my opinion that … however others may believe …- I understand your point of view, however I disagree because …- In my opinion … should be …- However, I think differently because …- most reasonable people would agree that … because … | -They are alike because they are both …-It is different because this one … and this one is …- They are the same because …- They are different because … is … and … is …-It feels different because this one … and that one ..-… and … are both…-… and … are alike in that …-… and … are similar because …-… and … are different in that…-… is … while… is -… and … have the following points in common: … | -It was / wasn’t … (interesting/ successful etc) because …- I like / dislike it because…- I like / dislike this because …- Next I would / could …- I feel that … next time.- In my opinion … because …- It like the part where … because …- What I found hard about this work was …- … was successful / ambitious because …-You could improve this work by … |
| -In conclusion …- Having analysed that data, I conclude that…- The evidence leads to …- This infers …- In conclusion, I would say that … due to the fact that …-The fact is …- In effect …- Given that …. then …- I deduce / deduct …- I have worked out …- Based on …-I’ve been led to the conclusion that …- Having considered… | -It is my understanding that …-I have two main reasons for believing this. First of all …-The facts lead me to the conclusion that…-I am convinced…-Given that…-Perhaps some people would argue that…-However, I would point out …- On the one hand …Consequently, …-Based on fact-Because on my beliefs…-After / On reflection… | - One similarity / difference is …-Furthermore, they are both similar / different because…-Another feature they have in common is…-One similarity between … and .. is that they …-Another is that they …-A further difference / similarity is … whereas …-In some ways … and … are alike. For instance, they both …-Another feature they have in common is that …-However, they also differ in some ways. For example, …. while …- The similarities / differences seem more significant than the differences/similarities because … | -My view is that … because …- This is supported …-Alternatively, …-Furthermore, …. however …-Possible improvements may include …-Or alternatively…Adapted by C Travis, L Briggs (Hinde House School, Sheffield) and J Smith (Sheffield City Council) from Tower Hamlets Progression in Language Structures. |