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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 pod  Develop / 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. |