

Academic Writing error correction pairwork

Student A

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Closing academic emails

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Introductions to academic writing

Explaining the background/ relevance/ importance to the topic/ writing

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These days there are many issues with...

Giving your opinion

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Outlining the structure of the writing

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I will give three reasons for this in the paragraphs below.

Finishing academic writing

Summarising (the whole paper)

As has been shown above, there are arguments both for and against...

For summarize the views given above,...

Conclusion(s)

Despite the disadvantages given in the previous paragraph,...

Having looked for both sides of the argument,...

Implications of your conclusion(s)

Practical implications of this research include the need for...

Because this, in the future researchers should...

The body of academic writing

Avoiding personal pronouns

Readers this journal will probably be aware that...

In this paper, the author argues that...

Supporting your arguments

Advantages and disadvantages/ Looking at both sides

One of the main advantages for this approach is...

Moving onto the good points of this method,...

Comparing/ Contrasting

The most obvious difference between the two methods is...

The two approaches are almost the same than each other.

Explaining further/ Restating/ Rephrasing

Other words,...

In brief,...

Hedging/ Generalising/ Making general statements

Most people find that...

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Error correction stage

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Brainstorming stage

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Check above, add other phrases, then compare your other phrases as a class.