

SENTENCE FRAMES FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

RESPONDING TO TEXT

Identifying the main idea:

I believe that the main idea of this paragraph is ...

I have come to this conclusion because...

...is a specific detail that supports the idea of ...

The main idea is ... because in the text it says....

In this paragraph, the author is focusing on...

The author provides this information because s/he wants the reader to ...

Agreeing and disagreeing simultaneously (yes, but... no, but...)

Although I agree with _____ up to a point, I cannot accept his overall conclusion that _____.

Although I disagree with much that _____ says, I fully endorse his/her final conclusion that _____.

While _____ is probably wrong when he/she claims that _____, he/she is right that _____.

Though I concede that _____, I still insist that _____.

Making a prediction about the text using the text features:

If we look at the _____, it shows/illustrates ...

The _____ gives me/provides me with more information about ...

When I scanned the beginning/middle/end of the text, I found _____ that it helped me to ...

After analyzing the text features, I hypothesize that ...

Now that I have scanned the text, I have come to the conclusion that...

If we study the text features, we realize that ...

Identifying an implied or assumed idea:

Although none of them have ever said so directly, _____ have often given me the impression that _____.

One implication of _____ is that _____.

Although _____ does not say so directly, he/she apparently assumes that _____.

Reflecting on what has been learned:

I now understand how to...

I was surprised by ...

I am beginning to wonder why...

I would like to know more about...

I can see the connections between...

I would like some help with...

I'm becoming more confident about...

COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSIONSExpressing an Opinion

I think/believe that...

It seems to me that...

In my opinion...

Soliciting a Response

What do you think?

We haven't heard from you yet.

Do you agree?

What answer did you get?

Predicting

I guess/predict/imagine that...

Based on..., I infer that...

I hypothesize that...

Acknowledging Ideas

My idea is similar to/related to _____'s idea.

I agree with _____ that...

My idea builds upon _____'s idea.

Asking for Clarification

What do you mean?

Will you explain that again?

I have a question about that.

Paraphrasing

So you are saying that...
In other words, you think...
What I hear you saying is...

Disagreeing

I don't agree with you because...
I got a different answer.
I see it another way.

Offering a Suggestion

Maybe we could...
What if we...
Here's something we might try.

Holding the Floor

As I was saying, ...
If I could finish my thought...
What I was trying to say was...

Individual Reporting

I discovered from ____ that...
I found out from ____ that...
____ pointed out to me that...
____ shared with me that ...

Partner and Group Reporting

We decided/agreed that ...
We concluded that ...
Our group sees it differently.
We had a different approach.

Affirming

That's an interesting idea.
I hadn't thought of that.
I see what you mean.