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Signposts to guide your reader

- Use clear signposts to guide your tutor through your discussion
- **Never** make sweeping statements
- Always back up what you say with evidence and examples

Introducing an example

an example of this is... the following example... for instance... this is particularly evident... this has been observed... such as...

Showing the result of something

consequently... thus... hence... because... owing to this... as a result... the result is... due to... this caused... not only does this...

the effect of this... therefore...

this could be mainly due to...

this is possibly due to...

Introducing an additional idea or agreeing with what has just been stated

in addition to this... in the same way that... furthermore... as does... as Bloggs argues... moreover...

it might be suggested... similarly... in agreement with this... a corresponding theory... in agreement with... not only does this...

Introducing an opposing or contrasting idea in contrast...

however... alternatively... although... whereas... in other words... as opposed to...

in opposition to this... on the contrary...

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