Whether or not ........ is an issue which has caused a great deal of discussion. On one hand .......... , on the other .......... Some people say ............ , yet others insist ............ In this piece of writing I intend to ...

Those who believe ...... argue that ...... They believe that ......, furthermore they ...... It seems plausible that ...... , however, ....

The opposite point of view is that ..........., moreover, it is thought that they believe ...... One argument for this is ...... another would be that ........ The evidence I would use to support this is ... and the fact that ....

On balance, it is my conviction that ... I am surprised that ... because ...... It would seem logical to me that ... Doubtless ..., but I would still have to conclude .......
Pick ‘n’ Mix – *Stand out from the crowd!*

Openings

- This piece of writing will . . .
- I intend to . . .
- My intention is to . . .
- I am going to . . .
- I will present . . .
- I will begin by . . .
- To do this I will . . .
- Following that I will . . .

Useful phrases

- In fact . . .
- As I see it . . .
- It appears to me . . .
- It seems to me that . . .
- One argument for this is that . . .
- I would counter this view because . . .
- On the other hand . . .
- It seems plausible to . . .
- Therefore . . .
- In addition . . .
- Moreover . . .
- Furthermore . . .
- Nevertheless . . .
- Subsequently . . .
- Consequently . . .
- However . . .
- In point of fact . . .
- It is precisely because . . .
- The evidence I would use to support this is . . .
- Naturally . . .
- Doubtless . . .
- It is surprising that . . .
- It surprises me that . . .
- It is no surprise that . . .
- It would seem logical to . . .
- Let us now turn to . . .
- Let’s consider . . .
- An example of this is . . .
- My next point concerns . . .

Concluding remarks

- In conclusion . . .
- It is my conviction that . . .
- It is clear that . . .
- Finally I would like to add . . .
- To sum up . . .
- My overall feeling is . . .
- On balance . . .
- The evidence presented leads me to conclude that . . .