

Analysing and Evaluating an Article – A Word Toolkit



Verbs

- deny
- assert
- contend
- evaluate
- discuss
- contradict
- oppose
- reject
- evaluate
- dismiss
- insist
- state
- emphasize
- analyze
- judge
- weigh up
- question
- consider
- conclude
- substantiate
- infer
- imply
- suggest
- reason
- employ

Linking words/phrases

- therefore
- consequently
- nevertheless
- on the other hand
- in contrast
- at the same time
- thus
- even so
- however
- in contrast
- on the contrary
- furthermore
- for instance
- for example
- although
- in any case
- in comparison
- while
- though
- despite this
- yet

Nouns

- analogy
- explanation
- evidence
- contention
- statistics
- analysis
- evaluation
- advantage
- disadvantage
- assessment
- consideration
- similarity
- contrast
- viewpoint
- perspective
- point of view
- interpretation
- examination
- conclusion
- reasoning

Adjectives

- questionable
- doubtful
- certain
- controversial
- inadequate
- significant
- crucial
- central
- worthwhile
- beneficial
- detrimental
- moral
- immoral
- debatable
- emotive
- valid
- vague
- objective
- subjective
- convincing
- conservative
- original

Tone

- factual
- neutral
- objective
- restrained
- detached
- mature
- informative
- balanced
- careful
- cautious
- unbiased
- impersonal
- ironic
- sarcastic
- cynical
- bitter
- cutting
- critical
- angry
- scornful
- mocking
- satirical

Tone, continued

- shocking
- forceful
- contemptuous
- harsh
- angry
- passionate
- candid
- forthright
- personal
- humorous
- emotive
- blunt
- direct

Overall Evaluation

- convincing
- powerful
- memorable
- effective
- valid
- questionable
- compelling
- well founded
- plausible
- credible
- persuasive
- inadequate
- feeble
- contradictory
- implausible
- laboured
- contrived
- absurd
- ridiculous
- dubious
- doubtful
- original
- significant
- commonplace
- unconventional
- conservative

Making [some of] your sentences into multi-taskers...

While the writer has produced an original and amusing piece of writing, he has not substantiated his assertion that...

Although the writer's contention is controversial, she produces compelling evidence to support her view that...

By employing strong emotive language in his description of..., the writer clearly conveys his belief that...