

## Useful Phrases for Proficiency Essays

**Introducing the phenomenon to be discussed**

More and more people are starting to learn English (ESL)

There is a growing awareness of the importance of English.

Over the past few years, there has been a steady increase in the number of \_\_\_\_\_

Recent years have witnessed the first wave of immigrants who started to work in \_\_\_\_\_

Many people have given up without another report of \_\_\_\_\_ appearing in \_\_\_\_\_

This raises the issue of whether \_\_\_\_\_

Although most people would generally agree that \_\_\_\_\_, few would deny that \_\_\_\_\_

**Stating your opinion**

In \_\_\_\_\_

It seems to me that \_\_\_\_\_, I would say that \_\_\_\_\_

I am convinced that \_\_\_\_\_

I am inclined to believe that \_\_\_\_\_

There is no doubt in my mind that \_\_\_\_\_

One of the drawbacks of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

However, one of the benefits of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenting arguments**

One justification often given for \_\_\_\_\_ is that \_\_\_\_\_

Advocates of \_\_\_\_\_ would claim that \_\_\_\_\_

Those who object to \_\_\_\_\_ also argue that \_\_\_\_\_

Another objection is that \_\_\_\_\_

However, it should not be forgotten that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ are opposed to \_\_\_\_\_ as they argue that \_\_\_\_\_

From the point of view of \_\_\_\_\_

According to \_\_\_\_\_