

## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS: writing conclusions

- **Summarising the content / referring to position statement**

This paper has given an account of and the reasons for ...

This paper explained / investigated / demonstrated the central importance of ...

This paper has examined ...

This paper argued that ...

Returning to the hypothesis / question posed at the beginning, it is now possible to state that .../ it is evident that ...

- **Restating main points / purpose**

This paper set out to determine whether ...

The aim / purpose was to assess (whether) / evaluate ...

The main purpose was to determine whether ...

It was (also) shown that ...

This paper has identified the principal differences between / similarities of ...

This discussion has highlighted issues / problems in / weaknesses of the current system ...

- **Evaluating main arguments**

Though this paper has shown that there are many advantages in this new policy, it would appear that ...

This suggests that ...

Given the problems which exist with the current legislation, it seems that ...

Unless the courts address this issue, (equality) will not be achieved.

- **Speculating on implications**

The evidence suggests / indicates / supports the idea that ...

In general, therefore, it seems that ...

Taken together, the evidence and the judgment suggest that ...

One implication of this is the possibility that ...

The present situation raises important considerations regarding ...

These changes in policy would have the advantage of ...

If these measures are adopted, there will be a marked improvement in ...

- **Discussing limitations**

Finally, a number of important limitations need to be considered. First, ...

The most important limitation lies in the fact that ...

Due to the limitations of the scope of this paper, it was not possible to examine ...

This paper has only examined ...

It should be noted that this legislation only applies to ...

- **Making recommendations**

This paper has revealed many questions in need of further investigation.

Further work needs to be done to establish whether ...

It would be interesting to assess the effects of ...

If the debate is moved forward, a better understanding of this issue will result.

Considerably more research will need to be undertaken to determine whether ...

It is recommended that further research be undertaken in this area.

There are a number of important changes which need to be made.