

Vocabulary for Language analysis

Over 40000 students will write a Language analysis in the end of year exam. A great deal of them will sound the same. You need to make yours stand out if you want the best possible marks. One way of doing so is through improving your vocabulary.

When introducing a contention, most students will write-

The writer *contends* that.....

Try using the following words instead-

Accentuates, advocates, champions, condones, endorses, promotes, proposes, recommends, supports

Sometimes the writer's contention is that a particular viewpoint should be rejected.

Most students across the state will write-

The writer *disagrees* with the.....

Try using the following words-

Rejects, condemns, criticizes, denigrates, dismisses, disputes, mocks, negates, rebuts, refutes, repudiates, undermines

The English exam from 2011 highlighted the absolute need to compare and contrast. All students need to demonstrate their skills in comparison in the Outcome Task and the end of year exam. One way to do so, is to use language of comparison, or put simply, linking words.

Try the following words-

In contrast, by contrast, However, On the other hand, conversely, In addition, Similarly, Furthermore, Moreover, Therefore.

How else can you say the word 'positions'

Try these-

Manipulated, left with the impression, the reader would think, the reader would feel,
influenced, pressured, swayed, obligated