

Key words

affects	explains	presents
argues	explores	refers
builds	highlights	relates
confirms	hints	represents
criticises	informs	shows
describes	introduces	suggests
displays	narrates	supports

Powerful key words

clarifies	examines	indicates
connotes	expands	manifests
conveys	foreshadows	portrays
demonstrates	foretells	signifies
denotes	illustrates	symbolises
determines	impacts	typifies

Analytical paragraphs - sentence stems

Evidence (words or phrases taken from the text):

When ... says "...” ...
 The quotation “...” shows us that ...
 The character ... is being described as being “...”
 When the setting is described as being “...”
 It is clear from the quotation “...” that ...
 We get the impression that ...

Analysis (saying what the evidence shows):

This implies that ...
 This suggests ...
 The word ... gives the impression that ...
 The phrase ... indicates ...
 The writer has done this to demonstrate ...
 From this I can infer that ...
 The writer is showing ...

Reader response

(what you think about the text):

I think ...
 I believe ...
 The reader/audience could get the impression that ...
 Personally, I think ...
 I feel that ...
 The reader’s/audience response to this could be ...
 In my opinion ...
 I can empathise with ...

Speculation (extra comments about quotations or our opinions):

Alternatively, this could suggest that ...
 On the other hand ...
 The writer might be trying to convey ...
 Additionally, this suggests that ...
 Another point to add is that ...