

## **TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSIONS FOR USE WITH ARGUMENTATION**

### **I. To state your position: (in writing to express your thesis statement)**

Animal experimentation **should be** banned/illegal/stopped.

Laws **ought to be** changed to make animals safe from experimental use.

Quebec **must** stay in Canada.

Canada **should no longer remain** a bilingual nation.

**It is necessary that** Canada withdraw from NAFTA.

### **II. To contrast the opposing position to your side of the argument: (from your point of view called *cons.*)**

It is frequently argued that (con)...However, in reality,...(pro)

Some argue that...But actually...

It is widely believed that...In fact, however,...

Many say that...On the contrary,...

Some suggest that...However, this argument has (no/little/limited) validity.

### **III. To refute an opposing argument:**

This argument is misleading...

This is difficult to prove...

This is unrealistic...

This is false

This claim is unsubstantiated

This is incorrect

This is untrue

### **IV. To concede a point to the opposing side, balancing with your own opposing point:**

This (con) is true; however,...(pro)

To a certain extent, this is accurate. Yet,...

This is not entirely false; however,...

This is partially true. Nevertheless,...

This may be granted; still,...

### **V. To introduce additional pros (support for your side of the argument.)**

Actually,...

Undoubtedly,...

Undeniably,...

In reality...

In fact...

Indeed...

### **VI. To conclude your argument:**

In conclusion,...

To conclude, it is clear that...

Thus, it is obvious that...

To summarize,...

To sum up...

In short...

For all these reasons...

Clearly...