

CHEAT SHEET · WRITING A B2 ESSAY?

7 linking phrases that move it forward.

Swap the first linker that comes to mind for one that says what the sentence is doing. In essay order, from the first point to the conclusion.

1 The most obvious benefit is

= opens your strongest point

ALSO TRY The main reason is · First and foremost,

PLAIN

Firstly, parks are good for our health.

B2

The most obvious benefit is that parks keep us healthy.

2 Just as important is

= adds a point of equal weight

ALSO TRY Equally, · Another key point is

PLAIN

Secondly, parks bring neighbours together.

B2

Just as important is the way parks bring neighbours together.

3 What is more,

= adds one more point, often a stronger one

ALSO TRY On top of that, · In addition,

PLAIN

Also, cycling is free.

B2

What is more, cycling costs nothing at all.

4 Take ..., for example

= brings in an example from real life

ALSO TRY For instance, · A good example is

PLAIN

For example, in my town there is a new cycle lane.

B2

Take my own town, for example : it opened a cycle lane last year.

5 Of course,

= admits the other side before you answer it

ALSO TRY Admittedly, · It is true that

PLAIN

But some people say parks cost too much.

B2

Of course, parks are not cheap to look after.

6 Even so,

= comes back to your view after the other side

ALSO TRY Nevertheless, · That said,

PLAIN

But I still think they are worth it.

B2

Even so, I believe they are worth every cent.

7 All things considered,

= opens your conclusion

ALSO TRY On balance, · To sum up,

PLAIN

In conclusion, cities need more parks.

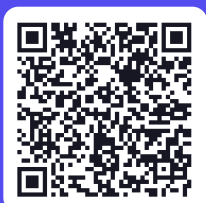
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All things considered, cities need more green space, not less.

NEXT STEP

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