

Functions/notions

Expressing attitudes and feelings precisely
Expressing certainty, probability, doubt Synthesizing, evaluating, glossing information
Speculating and hypothesising about causes, consequences, etc.
Expressing opinions tentatively,
Expressing shades of opinion and certainty
Expressing reaction, e.g. indifference
Critiquing and reviewing
Emphasizing a point, feeling, issues
Defending a point of view persuasively
Responding to counterarguments

Discourse Markers

Markers to structure and signpost informal speech and writing Markers to structure and signpost formal speech and writing – especially logical markers

Verb forms

Past continuous (narrative)
Used to (narrative)
Past perfect (narrative)
Past perfect continuous (narrative)
Futures (revision)
Mixed conditionals in the past, present and future
Wish/if only & regrets
Phrasal verbs
Extended phrasal verb (splitting)
Passive forms, all

Modals in the past

Adverbs

Inversion (negative adverbials)

Lexis

Collocations
Colloquial language
Approximating (vague language)
Differentiated use of vocabulary
Eliminating false friends
Formal and informal registers
Idiomatic expressions

Topics

Books and literature
News, lifestyles and current affairs
Media
Arts
Scientific development
Media