

Functions/notions

Describing experiences
Describing feelings and emotions
Describing hopes and plans
Giving precise information
Expressing abstract ideas
Expressing certainty, probability, doubt
Generalising and qualifying
Synthesizing, evaluating, glossing
information
Speculating
Expressing opinions
Expressing agreement/ disagreement

Expressing agreement/ disagreement Expressing reaction, e.g. indifference Critiquing and reviewing Developing an argument

Discourse functions

Checking understanding
Managing interaction (interrupting,
changing topic, resuming or continuing)
Taking the initiative in interaction
Encouraging and inviting another
speaker to continue, come in
Interacting informally, reacting,
expressing interest, sympathy, surprise

Discourse markers

Linkers: sequential - past time (subsequently)

Connecting words expressing cause and effect, contrast, etc.

Linkers: although, in spite of, despite Discourse markers to structure formal speech*Connecting words expressing cause and effect, contrast, etc.

Verb forms

Past continuous (narrative)
Used to(narrative)
Would expressing habit in the past
Past perfect
Past perfect continuous
Future time (will & going to) (Prediction)
Conditionals - mixed conditionals
Wish
Phrasal verbs
Extended phrasal verb
All passive forms
Reported speech
Relative clauses
Modals of deduction and speculation

Modals: can't have, needn't have

Articles

With abstract nouns

Adverbs

Adjectives and adverbs Attitudinal adverbs

Intensifiers

Collocation of intensifiers

Lexis

Contrasting opinions (on the one hand...)
Summarising exponents (briefly, all in all...)
Collocation
Colloquial language

Topics

Education
Film
Books and literature
News, lifestyles and current affairs
Media
Education