

Sentence Frame Reference Sheet for Integrating ELD in Content Areas

Scientific Language Function	Sentence Frames	Signal Words																											
Describe	The _____ has _____, and _____. How does the _____? Why did/didn't the _____? _____ is located (prep phrase) the _____. The _____ are usually _____.	For example, For instance, In support of this, In fact, As evidence																											
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Cite information	Here we see that _____.	As evidence, I notice,																											
Estimate	Looking at the _____, I think there are _____.	Approximately, About, Roughly,																											
Retell	First, _____, next _____, and then _____.	as has been noted, in other words, indeed, as I have said, in short, on the whole, for example, in sum, to be sure, for instance, in brief, to sum up, in fact, in any event																											
Make predictions	I think _____ will _____. What I already know about _____ helps me predict that _____. Because _____, I predict that _____.	In my opinion, There is no doubt that, I question whether, I believe, From my point of view, I (dis)agree, It is my belief that, It seems to me that, I maintain that																											
Give and support opinions	I think _____ is _____ because. I like _____ because _____.	First, Furthermore, Besides, Further, Second, In addition, Next, Again, Third, Also, Moreover, Similarly, Finally, Last, again, first, moreover, also, further, next, and furthermore, nor, and then, in addition, secondly, besides, last, thirdly, equally, important, lastly, too, finally, likewise																											
Cause and effect	The _____ had _____ so _____. Due to the fact that _____, _____ decided to _____.	Since, Caused by, In effect, Because of, This results in, Brought about, Due to, Consequently, Made possible, For this reason, Accordingly, As might be expected, Therefore, As a result of, Give rise to,																											

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Draw conclusions	The _____ is _____ because _____ She/He feels _____ because _____.	For the reasons above, To sum up, In short, In brief, As you can see, To be sure, Undoubtedly, In any event, As I have noted, Without a doubt, In conclusion, In any case, In other words, In summation, Obviously, Concluding, On the whole, Unquestionably, Summarizing																																	
Compare	This _____ is similar to that _____ because both _____.	in like manner, likewise, similarly, as well as, compared to, in the same way, have in common, all are																																	
Contrast	This _____ is different from that _____ because one has _____ and the other doesn't _____.	after all, for all that, on the other hand, although, this may be true, however, on the contrary, and yet, in contrast to this, still, at the same time, nevertheless, yet, but notwithstanding, as opposed to, conversely, even though, rather than, in spite of																																	
Sequence	We saw that first, _____, then, _____ and at the end, _____.	Again, first, moreover, also, further, next, and furthermore, nor, and then, in addition, secondly, besides, last, thirdly, equally important, lastly, too, finally, likewise, after a few days, immediately, meanwhile, afterward, in the meantime, soon, at length																																	
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Measure	A _____ is _____ cm. long, _____ cm. wide and _____ cm. tall. This _____ holds a volume of _____ ml. Before we _____, the liquid _____, but now it _____.	Approximately, About, Roughly, estimate																																	

Construct charts, tables and graphs	Plot _____ and _____. Plot _____ as _____. Graph the independent variable _____ as a function of _____.	Plot, graph, function, variable, direction, quadrant, coordinate, plane, slope,
Distinguish fact from opinion	Although you say _____, the table says that _____. The word _____ is evidence that _____ is a(n) _____. This is a(n) _____ because we can/cannot prove _____.	Although, As opposed to, whether or not, on the contrary, in spite of
Summarize	The main idea from this observation is that _____. In short _____, but actually _____.	as has been noted, in other words, indeed, as I have said, in short, on the whole, for example, in sum, to be sure, for instance, in brief, to sum up, in fact, in any event
Identify relationships	This _____ is necessary for _____ because it _____. Both _____ and _____ could be classified as _____. The reason _____ goes with _____ is because _____.	Since, Caused by, In effect, Because of, This results in, Brought about, Due to, Consequently, Made possible, For this reason, Accordingly, As might be expected, Therefore, As a result of, Give rise to, If...then, Leads to, Was responsible for

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