

EXPRESSIONS SHOWING EVALUATION

Useful Sentence Stems for Summary and Critical Review

General

The article presents ...aspects of ...

The article suggests/proposes ...

In opposition to / support of ..., the author points to ...

The article questions the view that...

The authors identify ...reasons/issues/problems/...

Assertion

The authors claim/argue/assert that...

Author A maintains/ assumes...

The author advocates the view that...

Expressing agreement with author(s)

As Author A perceptively/insightfully pointed out..., ... seems/appears to be...

The evidence/argument presented by the author supports hi/her claim/conclusion that...

Expressing disagreement with author(s)

Author A and Author B depict XXX as However, this view somewhat underestimates/overlooks/assumes

Although Author A's interpretation/claims ofis generally quite accurate, there areinstances when it is somewhat contrived/superficial. For example, ...

Expressing concessive contrast

Author A's views seems rather <negative point>, but/yet I still find the article <some positive points>

Although/Even though Author A's arguments seem <positive point>, a closer examination reveals that <negative point>

Evaluative language to express your own judgement

It appears to me that the author...

In my opinion, the article...

The concept presented by the author is intriguing/innovative in that it... (positive)

The arguments the author presented are inadequately supported... (negative)

The article accurately/inaccurately portrays/presents...