

W02-3: Academic phrasebank

The Academic Phrasebank of the University of Manchester offers very good lists of academic phrases and their functions in academic writing.

Things you need for this worksheet

- [Academic Phrasebank, University of Manchester](#)

Learning log assignments



Go to this <http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk> and decide on the purpose and function of each group of phrases a) - g). Spend no more than 10 min on the exercise.

a)

- This study set out to ...
- The aim of the present research was to examine ...
- The purpose of the current study was to determine ...
- The main goal of the current study was to determine ...

b)

- This study has shown that ...
- The findings clearly indicate that ...
- The research has also shown that ...
- The second major finding was that ...

c)

- Overall, this study strengthens the idea that ...
- The current data high light the importance of ...
- The findings of this research provide insights for ...
- The results of this research support the idea that ...

d)

- The findings reported here shed new light on ...
- The study contributes to our understanding of ...
- These results add to the rapid!y expanding field of ...
- The contribution of this study has been to confirm ...

e)

- A limitation of this study is that ...
- Being limited to X, this study lacks ...

- The major limitation of this study is the ...
- This study was limited by the absence of ...

f)

- Several questions still remain to be answered.
- A natural progression of this work is to analyse ...
- A greater focus on X could produce interesting findings that ...
- The issue of X is an intriguing one which could be usefully explored in further research.

g)

- Greater efforts are needed to ensure ...
- There is, therefore, a definite need for ...
- A second broad recommendation is that ...
- Another important practical implication is that...

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