

## ENGLISH HELPSHEET

### USEFUL LANGUAGE FOR ORAL REPORTING

#### Explaining the topic

We read about ...  
The main focus of this article is ...  
The main ideas / the perspective presented in this article are ...  
The article explores / investigates / presents ...

#### Citing

The author states / asserts / argues / claims that ...  
The author's argument / claim / point is that...

#### Linking expressions

First of all / Firstly, ...  
Secondly / Then / Next, ...  
In addition / What's more / Also, ...  
However / On the other hand / Then again, ...  
For example / For instance ...  
In my experience ...  
Naturally / Understandably ...  
Indeed / In fact ...

#### Agreeing

As the author says ...  
I am largely in agreement with ...  
I agree with ...  
Along the lines of the article, I would say that ...

#### Disagreeing

My disagreement with the author is that ...  
The author is incorrect when he/she argues that ...  
In contrast to the author's view I would argue that ...  
A weakness of the author's argument lies in his assertion that ...  
I am uncertain whether ...

#### Being more precise

By this I (do not) mean ...  
In fact, ...  
In other words, ...  
That is to say ...

#### Concluding

Finally / lastly, ...  
To sum up / To conclude / In conclusion, ...  
Overall ...  
Taking everything into consideration ...