

Premise and Conclusion Markers

Premise Markers

Since
For
Because
After all

Follows from
May be inferred from
As shown by
From the fact that

Follow-Up Phrases (for an Additional Premise)

Moreover
Furthermore
What's more
In addition
In fact

Besides
Likewise
Also
And
But

Conclusion Markers

So
Therefore
Thus
Hence
Consequently
In conclusion
It follows
(Which/that) means

(Which/that) shows
(Which/that) proves
For these reasons, we see
We conclude

Modal Phrases: must, have to;
must not; cannot

Putting Arguments into Standard Form

- List each premise and the conclusion on separate lines.
- Put the conclusion last (when necessary inserting bracketed information in premises to explain ambiguous pronouns like “he,” “she,” “they,” or “it”)
- Delete all non-essential material, including introductory comments, as well as premise, conclusion, and assertion markers.
- Separate premises from the conclusion with a horizontal line
- Number each premise and the conclusion.
- Insert a conclusion sign (“∴”) before the conclusion.