Vocabulary for academic writing

General explaining

To that end

Usage: Use "to that end" or "to this end" in a similar way to "in order to" or "so".

Example: "Zoologists have long sought to understand how animals communicate with each other. *To that end*, a new study has been launched that looks at elephant sounds and their possible meanings."

That is to say

Usage: "That is" and "that is to say" can be used to add further detail to your explanation, or to be more precise.
Example: "Whales are mammals. *That is to say*, they must breathe air."

Adding additional information to support a point

Another key thing to remember

Usage: Use the phrase "another key point to remember" or "another key fact to remember" to introduce additional facts without using the word "also".
Example: "As a Romantic, Blake was a proponent of a closer relationship between humans and nature. *Another key point to remember* is that Blake was writing during the Industrial Revolution, which had a major impact on the world around him."

Furthermore

Usage: This is also generally used at the start of a sentence, to add extra information.
Example: "*Furthermore*, there is evidence to suggest that…"

Words and phrases for demonstrating contrast

Having said that

Usage: Used in a similar manner to "on the other hand" or "but".

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Example: "The historians are unanimous in telling us X, an agreement that suggests that this version of events must be an accurate account. *Having said that*, the archaeology tells a different story."

By contrast

Usage: Use "by contrast" or "in comparison" when you're comparing and contrasting pieces of evidence.
Example: "Scholar A's opinion, then, is based on insufficient evidence. By contrast, Scholar B's opinion seems more plausible."

Giving examples

To give an illustration

To exemplify

Example: "*To give an illustration of* what I mean, let's look at the case of…"

Signifying importance

When you want to demonstrate that a point is particularly important, there are several ways of highlighting it as such.

Significantly

Usage: Used to introduce a point that is loaded with meaning that might not be immediately apparent.
Example: "*Significantly*, Tacitus omits to tell us the kind of gossip prevalent in Suetonius' accounts of the same period."

Notably

Usage: This can be used to mean "significantly" (as above), and it can also be used interchangeably with "in particular" (the example below demonstrates the first of these ways of using it).
Example: "Actual figures are **notably** absent from Scholar A's analysis."

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Summarising

Above all

Usage: Used to signify what you believe to be the most significant point, and the main takeaway from the essay.
Example: "*Above all*, it seems pertinent to remember that…"

Compelling

Usage: Use in the same way as "persuasive" above.
Example: "The most *compelling argument* is presented by Scholar A."

All things considered

Usage: This means "taking everything into account".

Example: "*All things considered*, it seems reasonable to assume that…"

Some more sophisticated synonyms, for example:

change (v) - transform
explain (v) - elaborate on sth
improve (v) - develop, advance
objective (adj) - unbiased, impartial
subjective (adj) - biased
quirky (adj) - dziwaczny
important (adj) - crucial, essential. substantial
plenty of things - plethora of things
worried - anxious

Use adverbs like:

extremely
The water was *extremely cold*.
And as you know guides are *extremely important* for a child's career.
Exercise can be an *extremely effective* stress reliever for several reasons.

significantly
My income *increased significantly.*

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terribly

The lecture was *terribly boring.*

absolutely

It's *absolutely necessary* to find a solution.

It has *absolutely stunning* jewellery, like what you can see here.

incredibly

These are all details that are *incredibly easy* to forget.

Some examples:

EXTREMELY POPULAR
EXTREMELY EASY
EXTREMELY USEFUL
EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
EXTREMELY HELPFUL
EXTREMELY HAPPY
EXTREMELY POWERFUL
EXTREMELY VALUABLE

ABSOLUTELY PERFECT
ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL
ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY
ABSOLUTELY AMAZING
ABSOLUTELY RIGHT
ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING
ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS
ABSOLUTELY SURE
ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS
ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT
ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED

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TOTALLY DIFFERENT
TOTALLY NEW
TOTALLY FREE
TOTALLY FINE
TOTALLY WRONG
TOTALLY UNIQUE

INCREDIBLY POPULAR
INCREDIBLY HARD
INCREDIBLY HELPFUL
INCREDIBLY STRONG
INCREDIBLY SIMPLE
INCREDIBLY TALENTED
INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL
INCREDIBLY VERSATILE
INCREDIBLY VALUABLE

Use advanced structures like:

Inversion

I have never seen such courage.	Never **have I seen** such courage.

She rarely left the house.	Rarely **did she leave** the house.

We seldom cross the river after sunset.	Seldom **do we cross** the river sunset.

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and **passive with reporting verbs**

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