LINKING DEVICES

Agreeing and disagreeing	I can't disagree with that … I think we ought to take into consideration … That may be the case but … We can't rule out (the possibility that) … Have you considered … ? You've got a point but … I'd go along with that. Absolutely! Don't forget …
Structuring a monologue	
· Starting off	Well, there are pros and cons to … I think I can safely say that … This is an important issue and one that is discussed a lot. Well, this is an interesting question and it's not that simple to answer. Anyway, … To start off… Generally speaking, I think …
· Linking	Another point we need to consider that should be taken into consideration is … Regarding/as regards/With reference to…
· Expressing personal opinion	Personally/Personally speaking, … I (don't) tend to … My opinion is that … In my views …
· Giving counter-argument	I'm not sure to what extent this is true. Instead of … … whereas … Having said that …
· Summing up	So, in this sense … So, what I think is … To finish then, I feel that …
Sustaining a conversation	I think this is true Absolutely While I agree with you, of course … Not only that … Perhaps Mind you, … Anyhow, …

	As a matter of fact, … Definitely Apart from that, … Actually, … This is the case
Comparing and expressing opinion	The problem with … Whereas … With regard to … I'm not suggesting … What does happen … I have to say … I must admit … I don't mean … As for … On the other hand …
Concluding and moving on	
· Concluding your turn	That's about it, I think … That's my personal opinion. That's how I see things. That's basically where I'm at on this.
· Moving on	How about you? What do you think? How do you feel about that? What's your opinion?
Adding points and expressing contrast	
· Adding	On top of that, … What's more, … And another thing is that … Not only that, but …
· Expressing contrast	But in fact/actually, … In reality, … The fact of the matter is …
Expressing opinions and responding	
· Expressing opinion	I think it's a matter of personal taste/choice whether you… My own decisions are always based on … Quite frankly, … Personally, I'd sooner go …
· Responding	Yes, I totally agree with you on that. Oh, I wouldn't say that! But think of the benefits … You're absolutely right! Yes, but isn't it better to … ?

Communication strategies	I mean I suppose In that sense Sort of The thing is that Somehow Well, it comes to … You know You see That's why
Discourse markers	After all At any rate At least Basically For one thing In any case In fact In particular In the first place In the same way On top of that To begin with
Sentence adverbials expressing surprise	Believe it or not, … Surprisingly enough, … Difficult as it is to believe, …