

General descriptions of the relevant literature

A considerable amount of literature has been published on X.

These studies ...

The first serious discussions and analyses of X emerged during the 1970s with ...

The generalisability of much published research on this issue is problematic.

What we know about X is largely based upon empirical studies that investigate how ...

During the past 30 years much more information has become available on ...

In recent years, there has been an increasing amount of literature on ...

A large and growing body of literature has investigated ...

Reference to what other writers do in their text (author as subject)

Smith (2003) *identifies* poor food, bad housing, inadequate hygiene and large families as the major causes of ...

Rao (2003) *lists* three reasons why the English language has become so dominant. These are: ...

Smith (2003) *traces* the development of Japanese history and philosophy during the 19th century.

Jones (2003) *provides* in-depth analysis of the work of Aristotle showing its relevance to contemporary times ...

Smith (2003) *draws our attention* to distinctive categories of motivational beliefs often observed in ...

Smith (2003) *defines* evidence based medicine as the conscious, explicit and judicious use of ...

Rao (2003) *highlights* the need to break the link between economic growth and transport growth ...

Smith (2003) *discusses* the challenges and strategies for facilitating and promoting ...

Toh (2003) *mentions* the special situation of Singapore as an example of ...

Smith (2003) *questions* whether mainstream schools are the best environment for ...

Smith (2003) *considers* whether countries work well on cross-border issues such as ...

Smith (2003) *uses* examples of these various techniques as evidence that ...

Figure 6.3 Introducing and Linking Techniques: Examples from the *Academic Phrasebank*

Source: www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/sources.htm