

**Handout 20: Sorting sentence signposts (English and Humanities)**

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| **Ridicule:** anyone who thinks like this is an idiot | | **Agreement:** all decent, sensible people think like this | |
| **Complexity:** it’s not easy to come to a definite view | | **Neutrality:** there are different viewpoints, all of which need to be taken into consideration | |
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| On the other hand … | Now is the time to stand up … | A counter-argument is … | Surely … |
| This is just the sort of namby-pamby … | Alternatively … | There can be no-one who still thinks that … | Are we going to let ourselves …? |
| How could anyone …? | Everybody knows … | The wisdom of Solomon is required to decide … | We are all united … |
| Other people think that … | From a different perspective … | From a different point of view … | It is hard to weigh up the rights and wrongs in this case … |
| Obviously … | Some people would argue … | This is a complex issue that … | Is there anyone who …? |
| It’s clear that … | On behalf of every man, woman and child in Britain … | It is high time that … | It’s plain sailing … |