

## Writing about significance

### Sentence starters

- The insights from these studies have drawn attention to...
- These findings demonstrate how/that...
- A major contribution of these studies has been to increase our understanding of...
- The findings across these studies have provided strong evidence for...
- These research studies on X have contributed to a better understanding of Y...
- These research findings have led to a deeper understanding of X, by highlighting that...

### Sentence starters with example endings

Starting...	... Ending
These recent studies have begun to provide insight into...	... how social media use may negatively affect the academic performance of tertiary students.
A major contribution of these studies has been to increase our understanding of...	
These research findings have led to a deeper understanding of...	

### Example with surrounding text

... These findings were also mirrored in an extensive study of nearly two thousand undergraduate students (Junco, 2012). However, researchers also argue that the use of social media is, in itself, not necessarily a negative predictor of GPA. Instead, negative impact relates to *how* students use social media. In one large-scale study, for instance, students who attempted to multi-task, by using social media at the same time as studying, were not only less efficient and less productive, but also had lower GPAs than students who studied without using social media (Karpinski, Kirschner, Ozer, Mellot, & Ochwo, 2013). Similarly, Lau (2017) concluded that it was the simultaneous use of social media for non-academic purposes that had a negative correlation with academic performance. These recent studies have begun to provide insight into how social media use may negatively affect the academic performance of tertiary students.

Stating the significance of research findings

### More examples:

- <http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/writing-conclusions/>
- You can learn more through reading journal articles, where researchers need to write about the significance of past research before writing about their new study.