

# Key words & phrases for document analysis



! ACTUAL = *existing in fact* ; ACTUALLY = *in reality* !

! you ANSWER a question ≠ you SOLVE a problem ≠ you ADDRESS an issue !

! you CHAT with your friends ≠ you DISCUSS Ø the notion of « nature » in the French class !

## 1. TOPIC

- the [doc.] deals with... (is about)
- the [doc.] poses the question of...
- the [doc.] raises the issue of...
- the [doc.] looks AT < looks INTO the issue of...
- the [doc.] examines < explores < investigates the issue of...
- the [doc.] discusses Ø the idea that...
- the [document] grapples WITH < wrestles WITH the notion of...
- the [doc.] takes a comprehensive look at...
- the [doc.] offers insight INTO... / offers a window INTO...
- the [doc.] sheds Ø light ON...
- the [doc.] shines a light ON... / spotlights...



- the matter AT hand here is... / the point IN question here is...
- / the issue UNDER discussion here is...
- the issue hinges ON... / the issue revolves AROUND...
- WHAT IS AT STAKE here is...

**E** The Economist  
@TheEconomist

A new race to the North Pole is under way. Three very different books shed a chilling light on what is at stake for the region—and the world

## 2. SIGNIFICANCE

- a current issue < an issue of current concern < a topical issue
- a burning issue / a hotly debated issue / a hotly contested issue / a hotly disputed issue
- a pressing matter < a pressing concern < a pressing issue
- an issue of urgent significance
- an issue the significance OF which cannot be overstated
- an issue that is both timely and timeless

- this issue is currently receiving a lot of attention (FROM...)
- this issue is increasingly being brought to the forefront
- this issue came to the fore AS a result of...
- this issue was brought to the fore BY...
- this issue has recently gained prominence
- this issue has moved centre stage in recent years
- this issue has gained visibility over the past months
- the issue has come under heightened scrutiny IN the wake of...
- recent events have sparked a conversation ABOUT this issue

NATIONAL

### New NPR poll examines top issues for Americans

MARCH 29, 2023 · 5:31 PM ET

HEARD ON ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

Domenico Montanaro



3-Minute Listen

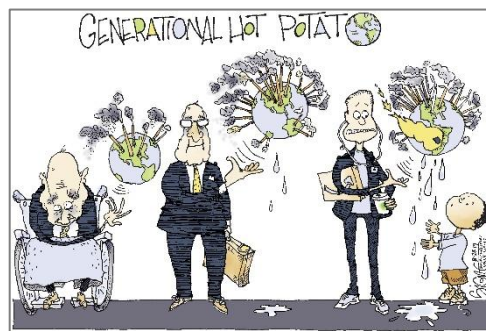
+ PLAYLIST

TRANSCRIPT



The economy still takes the top spot as the most pressing concern, but preserving democracy continues to rank high in NPR's polling, an aberration in American history.

- the events of the past few weeks remind us **OF** how central **an** issue this is
- a (highly) sensitive issue
- a controversial issue ≠ controverted issue
- a divisive issue / a polarising issue / a bone of contention
- ≠ a hot potato (an issue that is so sensitive that nobody wants to deal with it)



### 3. AIM

- the aim / goal / purpose of the [doc.] is **TO V-Ø**
- the [doc.] is meant **TO V-Ø**
- the [journalist] aims **AT V-ING** / the [journalist] seeks **TO V-Ø**
- the [journalist] argues that... < the [journalist] contends that... < the [journalist] claims that...
- the [journalist] makes the case that...

- to put an event **INTO** perspective / to put a pronouncement **INTO** context
- to expound a theory ≠ to expose a scandal, a fraud, a cover-up, etc.
- to assess the situation / to make an assessment of the situation < to take stock **OF** the situation
- to convey a message / to put a message **ACROSS** < to drive a message home

- to call attention **TO**... / to draw attention **TO**...
- to raise awareness **ABOUT**...
- to sound the alarm **ABOUT**...
- to raise the profile of a cause, a community, etc.
- to champion / advocate a cause

- to underline / to underscore
- to emphasise / to lay emphasis **ON**...
- to stress / to lay stress **ON**...

OPINION > ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT  
THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY CONTRIBUTORS ARE THEIR OWN AND NOT THE VIEW OF THE HILL

**How to tackle decarbonization when fossil fuels are the backbone of the economy**

BY MICHAEL LENOX AND BECKY DUFF, OPINION CONTRIBUTORS - 10/14/21 6:30 PM ET

Calls to mitigate climate change and to reduce emissions to net-zero are nothing new. Scientists having been **sounding the alarm** for decades. Yet, decarbonization as it is called, can be overwhelming. Fossil fuels are the backbone of our global economy. They fuel our cars, power our electrical plants, heat our homes. They are a vital feedstock for farming and manufacturing. How can we possibly eliminate them?



- to call ready-made assumptions **INTO** question / to remedy the common misperception that...
- to make the reader reconsider their attitudes **TO**...
- to give food for thought

### 4. POINT OF VIEW

- According **TO** experts,... ≠ **! according to me**
- To my mind, ... / In my view, ... / In my opinion, ... / As I see it, ...
- As far as I am concerned, ...
- To the best of my knowledge, ... / As far as I know, ...

### 5. OUTLINE (STRUCTURE)

- the [doc.] falls **INTO** X parts / the [doc.] is divided **INTO** X sections / the [doc.] can be broken down **INTO** X units
- I will begin **BY V-ING**... I will then go on **TO V-Ø**... **BEFORE** finally **V-ING**...
- I would now like to turn my attention **TO**...
- Returning **TO** the question of...