



# Discourse markers

Discourse markers are used to introduce the subject that we are going to talk or write about. They help us to connect what we are going to say to what has come earlier.

## With regard to / In regard to

**With regard to** the discussion about the new taxes, we'd like to hear Mr Smith's opinion. We are always interested in hearing from you **in regard to** new investment opportunities.

## With respect to / In respect of

The two teams are very similar **with respect to** height. This is especially true **in respect of** the US.

## With reference to / In reference to

I am writing **with reference to** your advertisement for quality engineers. England" is sometimes, wrongly, used **in reference** to the whole United Kingdom.

## With relation to / In relation to

Women's earnings are still low **in relation to** men's. He made a joke **with relation to** something that had happened between my wife and me.

## Regarding

The company is being questioned **regarding** the latest project.

## Concerning

I've had a letter from the tax authorities **concerning** my tax payments.

## As regards

The goal is to address the problems **as regards** environmental safety.

## In connection with

They boss wants to talk to you **in connection with** an email that you sent him recently.

## Typical mistakes:

**In regards to** (wrong); **Regarding to** (wrong)