

USEFUL PHRASES IN A CONVERSATION

STATING AN OPINION

I believe that... because...

I think that... because...

My opinion is...

As far as I'm concerned ...

In my opinion...

It is my belief that...

I'm convinced that...

I firmly believe that...

In my view...

Well, if you ask me...

If you want my honest opinion...

I'm convinced that...

The way I see it...

It seems to me that...



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ASKING FOR AN OPINION

What do you think about...?
What is your opinion about...?
How do you feel about...?
Would you like to add something?
What comes to your mind when thinking about...?
Do you agree with what s/he said about...?



INTERRUPTIONS

Excuse me, can I add something here?
Is it okay if I jump in for a second?
If I might add something...
Can I throw my two cents in?
Sorry to interrupt, but...

After accidentally interrupting someone:
Sorry, go ahead.
Sorry, you were saying...

After being interrupted:
You didn't let me finish.



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AGREEING

I agree with you 100 per cent.

I couldn't agree with you more.

That's so true.

Tell me about it!

Absolutely./You're absolutely right.

Exactly./That's exactly how I feel.

I'm afraid I agree with Filip.

I have to side with Vendela on this one.

No doubt about it.

Me neither. (Agreeing with negative statement)

I suppose so./I guess so. (Weak)

You have a point there.

I was just going to say that.



DISAGREEING

I beg to differ.

I don't think so.

I'm afraid I disagree.

I totally disagree. (Strong)

I'd say the exact opposite. (Strong)

Not necessarily.

That's not always true.

That's not how I see it.

That's not always the case.

No, I'm not so sure about that.



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REASONING AND ARGUING

On the one hand...

On the other hand...

One way of putting it is...

It could be compared to...

I would like to draw a parallel to...

I would like to compare ... to ...

In comparison...

In contrast...

Some might say that... And others believe that...

There are two sides to the question.

Some people think that... Others say that...



FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

What do you mean when you say...?

What you just said, how would you connect that to...?

Can you please explain that?

Can you please elaborate your thoughts a bit further?

Can you give an example?



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WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND

I don't quite follow here because...
I'm confused right now because...
Can you please repeat that?
Can you please explain that (word)?
What does ... mean?
What do you mean?
Is there another way to explain that?
Can you explain that in another way?



STICKING TO THE SUBJECT

As I was saying...
Since we're discussing...
Sorry to interrupt, but...
Now when we're discussing this issue...
Let's stick to the subject, shall we?



SETTLING AN ARGUMENT

Let's just move on, shall we?
Let's drop it.
I think we're going to have to agree to disagree.



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GIVING EXAMPLES

An example of that is...

For instance...

For example...

As an example...

As an illustration to what I just said...

According to XX...

It's a fact that...

Generally speaking...



RESUME AND CONCLUDE

To sum up...

Summing up...

As a conclusion...

One last thing...

As a final thought, I would like to say...

Finally, I would like to say...

In this conversation, we have discussed...

Let's conclude this discussion by saying...

