

**Presenting your ideas**

I agree that ... (1F)  
 I don't agree that ... (1F)  
 It's (not) true to say that ... (1F)  
 In my experience, ... (1F)  
 Personally, I believe that ... (1F)  
 I'm not sure about that. (1F)  
 For example, / For instance, ... (1F)

**Polite requests**

Would it be possible for you to ... ? (1H)  
 Could you please ... ? (1H)  
 Would you mind if ... ? (1H)  
 Would you mind (+ *-ing* form) ... ? (1H)  
 I wonder if ... (1H)

**Explaining preference**

I'd find it ... (2F)  
 It sounds really ... (2F)  
 It appeals / doesn't appeal to me because ... (2F)  
 I'm (not) really into ... (2F)  
 I'd rather ... (2F)  
 I can't stand ... (2F)  
 I don't mind ..., but ... (2F)

**Expressing preferences**

I quite fancy ... (2G)  
 I think ... would be (fun). (2G)  
 I'm quite keen on ... (2G)  
 I like the idea of ... (2G)  
 I think ... is a better option than ... (2G)

**Raising objections**

Sorry, but I don't really fancy ... (2G)  
 Don't you think it (would be expensive)? (2G)  
 The problem with ... is that ... (2G)  
 Sorry, but I don't think that's a very good idea. (2G)  
 I'm not keen on ... because ... (2G)  
 I don't think ... would be as (interesting) as ... (2G)  
 I'd rather (go climbing) than (karting). (2G)

**Coming to an agreement**

We need to make a decision. (2G)  
 Overall, ... would be better. (2G)  
 Can we agree on ..., then? (2G)  
 OK, I agree. (2G)  
 That's settled then. (2G)

**Asking for a response / Offering a response**

Do you agree? (3D)  
 What's your view / opinion? (3D)  
 What do you think? (3D)  
 I'm not sure I agree. (3D)  
 I think / don't think you're right. (3D)  
 That's what I think too. (3D)

**Identifying people in photos**

The man wearing (a yellow T-shirt) ... (3G)  
 The girl in (purple leggings) ... (3G)  
 The woman with (a ponytail) ... (3G)  
 The boy who is (on the ground) ... (3G)

**Speculating**

It looks like some kind of ... (3G)  
 I think it's a ... of some kind. (3G)  
 There's a sort of ... (3G)  
 It's most likely ... (3G)  
 ... or something like that. (3G)  
 ... I would say. / I'd say that ... (3G)  
 It looks to me / doesn't look to me as if they ... (5G)  
 They look / don't look (to me) as if / as though they're ... (5G)  
 They look / don't look like they're (+ *-ing*) ... (5G)  
 They seem quite (+ adj) (5G)  
 They don't look / don't seem very (+ adj) ... (5G)  
 I can't be sure, but I'd say that ... (8G)  
 It could be (that) ... (8G)  
 It's hard to say, but ... (8G)  
 It looks as if ... (8G)  
 I'm pretty certain that ... (8G)  
 It's clear that ... (8G)  
 Judging by (his expression), I'd say that ... (8G)

**Introducing your opinions**

I (strongly) believe that ... (3H)  
 In my opinion / view, ... (3H)  
 As I see it ... (3H)  
 It seems to me that ... (3H)

**Making an additional point**

Moreover, ... (3H)  
 Furthermore, ... (3H)  
 What is more, ... (3H)  
 Not only that, but ... (3H)

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### Introducing other people's opinions

It is a widely held view that ... (3H)

It is often said that ... (3H)

It is a common belief that ... (3H)

Most people agree that ... (3H)

### Introducing proposals and solutions

One solution might be to ... (3H)

What I propose is that ... (3H)

I would strongly recommend that ... (3H)

It is vital that ... (3H)

In order to tackle this problem, I suggest that ... (3H)

### Concluding

To sum up, ... (3H)

In conclusion, ... (3H)

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### Describing where you live

It's a flat / detached house, etc. (4A)

It's in the town centre, etc. (4A)

There's a park / There are some shops nearby. (4A)

It's got ... (bedrooms). (4A)

There is ... (other rooms). (4A)

There's / There isn't a ... (4A)

It's a bit / very ... (adjective). (4A)

### Phrases for gaining time

Let me see. I'd have to give that some thought. (4G)

Actually, now I come to think about it, ... (4G)

Well, thinking about it, ... (4G)

All things considered, I (don't) suppose ... (4G)

I suppose the thing is, ... (4G)

What else? Well ... (4G)

That's a good question. (4G)

### Introducing opinions

It seems to me that ... (5G)

Personally, I think / don't think that ... (5G)

I believe that ... (5G)

The way I see it ... (5G)

For me, the important thing is (that) ... (5G)

### Comparing photos

The common theme in the photos is ... (5G)

Both photos show ... (5G)

In the first photo, ... , whereas in the second photo ... (5G)

Unlike the second photo, the first photo ... (5G)

### Asking for information

Moving on to the question of ... (6G)

Another thing I wanted to ask / know is ... (6G)

Something else I'd like to talk about is ... (6G)

Could I ask you about ... ? (6G)

Speaking of ... (6G)

That reminds me, ... (6G)

Could you tell me ... (6G)

I was wondering ... (6G)

I'd like to know ... (6G)

May I ask ... ? (6G)

I'd be interested to know ... (6G)

### Rhetorical questions

Who would want to live in a world where ... ? (6H)

How can it be right that ... ? (6H)

What could be better than ... (+ -ing form)? (6H)

Is it not just as important to ... ? (6H)

Is it not time we all ... (+ past tense)? (6H)

Why should / shouldn't we ... ? (6H)

### Arguing your point

In my opinion, / As I see it ... (7F)

It could be argued that ... (7F)

I see your point, but ... (7F)

That may be true, but ... (7F)

### Likes and dislikes

I'm a big fan of ... (7G)

I'm quite into ... (7G)

I'm really keen on ... (7G)

I absolutely love ... (7G)

I enjoy ... very much. (7G)

... is not really my thing. (7G)

I'm not really into ... (7G)

I really can't stand ... (7G)

I'm not a big fan of ... (7G)

... doesn't do anything for me. (7G)

I've never been that keen on ... (7G)

### Describing stories

It's set in (place and / or time). (7H)

There are lots of twists and turns. (7H)

It tells the story of (character). (7H)

I would definitely recommend it. (7H)

It's a real page-turner. (7H)