# Useful Discussion Phrases

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| Introducing a viewpoint | |
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| I would like to begin by saying that… | I would like to put forward the point that… |
| **Agreeing with…** | |
| I totally agree with… | That's (so) true. |
| **Disagreeing with…** | |
| With due respect, I believe it would not be right to… | I am afraid, I can only partly agree with that… |
| **Suggesting your opinion** | |
| In my perspective/opinion, … | The way I see it… |
| **Asking for clarification** | |
| Could you please make it clearer… | I wonder if / what / how… |
| **Interrupting politely** | |
| Sorry to interrupt, but… | Is it okay if I add something here… |

Resource: https://youtu.be/8SyZWgzLQSo

| When you need more time to think | |
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| I'm not sure. What about you? | I need to think about it. What do you think? |
| **When you want help or want others to talk** | |
| Can you help explain? | That's interesting. Tell us more. |
| **When you want clarification** | |
| What do you mean by…? | So, you're saying… |
| **To add information and make connections** | |
| I'd like to add… | What you said made me think of… |
| **To show a change in your thinking** | |
| I used to think…, but now I think… | Actually, I've changed my mind. I now think… |
| **When you don't want to answer** | |
| I'd prefer not to say. | I'll tell you later. |

Resource: https://www.apoven.com/50-useful-english-discussion-phrases/

**Chunks you can learn:**

How to use '**the thing is**': https://youtu.be/cHtVZTNXW6I

How to use '**or something**': https://youtu.be/MqMaEw80qmg

How to use '**you know**': https://youtu.be/qXhoYywK3nw