



Useful phrases for discussions in English

1. Introduction

- Let's begin/start with ...

2. What you think about somebody/something

- As far as I'm concerned ...
- I think ...
- In my opinion ...
- As far as I know ...
- In my view ...
- I don't think ...
- I don't believe that ...
- Well, if you ask me ...
- If you want my honest opinion ...
- I've never come across the idea that ...

3. How to agree/disagree

- I must admit that ...
- I totally/fully/partly agree.
- I (entirely) agree/don't agree with you.
- I believe/don't believe ...
- I'm convinced that ...
- The way I see it ...
- It seems to me that ...
- I wouldn't say that ...
- I don't think so.
- You're right up to a point.
- You could be right.
- That can't be right.
- I don't agree at all.
- As a matter of fact, ...
- That's right/wrong.
- Exactly.
- I can understand ...
- It's hard to say.
- It's a fact that ...
- However, ...
- I see what you mean but I think that's not the whole story.
- I'm sorry I can't agree.

4. Asking about or for an opinion

- What do you think?
- What's your opinion?
- Would you like to say something?
- What do you mean?
- What are your ideas?
- What are you trying to say?
- How do you feel about ...?

5. How to interrupt politely

- I'm sorry, but ...
- Can/May I add something?
- Sorry to interrupt, but ...

6. Asking for an explanation

- Could you explain to me...?
- What do you mean by that?
- I didn't quite get that.
- Are you saying that....?
- Excuse me, did you say that...?
- I beg your pardon?

7. Phrases to keep a discussion going

- Let's get back to ...
- As we just heard ...
- Where were we?
- Let's focus on the topic.