

## Exchange of views, Arguments and Discussions

Explaining your point of view: Points for or against	<p>The thing is...</p> <p>Actually (really)</p> <p>In fact,</p> <p>The point I'm trying to make is...</p> <p>In my opinion,</p> <p>I really think / believe...</p> <p>What I mean is /I meant is</p> <p>To be honest,</p> <p>Imagine...</p> <p>Let me give you an example,</p> <p>Let me put it another way,</p> <p>As I see it...</p> <p>The problem is...</p> <p>The worst thing is...</p> <p>Strangely enough,</p> <p>What I don't understand is...</p>
Interrupting your partner	<p>Yes, but...</p> <p>If you ask me,</p> <p>Hang on, (wait)</p> <p>I see what you mean, but...</p> <p>May I interrupt here,</p> <p>Excuse me, but... I'm sorry, but...</p>
Changing the subject	<p>To get back to the question of...</p> <p>I'd like to turn to...</p>
Summarising or concluding	<p>Basically,</p> <p>On the whole,</p> <p>All in all,</p> <p>Eventually, (in the end)</p>

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When organising your argument it is a good idea to use a for/against box.

For	Against