

## Useful Conversational Phrases

### A. *Stating an argument:*

1. As far as I'm concerned,...
2. I believe that...
3. I'd like to point out that...
4. I'd like to say this:...
5. If you ask me,...
6. In my experience,...
7. In my opinion,...
8. Personally I think...
9. Speaking for myself,...
10. The point is this:...

### B. *Challenging an argument*

1. That can't be true.
2. But what about...? What's your answer to that?
3. Do you mean to tell me that...?
4. Are you seriously suggesting that...?
5. If you don't mean..., then you should say what you mean.

### C. *Clarifying*

1. What I said was... (What I mean to say was...)
2. I did *not* say... What I *did* say was...
3. I think you misunderstood what I said.
4. Let me repeat (rephrase) what I said.
5. I'm not saying *that*. What I *am* saying is...
6. Yes, but don't forget I was only referring to...

### D. *Agreeing with an argument*

1. Of course.
2. Right.
3. Exactly.
4. That's true.
5. So do I. (Neither do I.)
6. Me too. (Me neither.)
7. I agree completely.
8. I agree with you entirely.
9. You're absolutely right.
10. That's a good point.
11. I couldn't agree with you more.

12. That's just what I think.
13. I feel the same way.

***E. Disagreeing with an argument***

1. However,...
2. I'm afraid I disagree.
3. On the other hand,...
4. On the contrary...
5. That's not (entirely) true.
6. I can't possibly agree with that. (I can't possibly agree with you.)
7. I hate to disagree with you, but...
8. All right, but don't you think...?
9. But that's different.
10. That's not the same thing at all.

***F. Interrupting an argument***

1. Excuse me, did you say that...? (Excuse, did you mean that...?)
2. Before you make your next point...
3. So what you're saying is that...
4. Get to the point! What you really think is that...

***G. Asking for an opinion***

1. Well? What do you think?
2. Do you agree? (Don't you agree?)
3. What's your view on the matter?
4. How do you see it?
5. Let's have your opinion.

***H. Summarizing a discussion***

1. Then we agree.
2. Basically we're in agreement.
3. I think we have agreed to disagree.