

Useful phrases for debates

Expressing your opinion

I (don't) think

In my opinion...

In my view...

Well, if you ask me...

It seems to me that...

I believe/suppose/feel (that)...

Personally, I feel...

As far as I'm concerned...

I might be wrong, but....

The way I see it,...

I'm convinced that...

Let me back up/support this idea with a few facts.

Let us examine/study the evidence: First of all,... . Secondly,...

I make this claim/I've reached this conclusion for a number of reasons:...

The best/weakest part for me is when...

I can't quite understand how...

I think the author is trying to say...

The main point seems to me to be....

Agreeing

Right./Correct./Exactly.

Yes, that's/you're right.

That's how I feel (about it),too.

That's a good point.

You've got a (good) point there.

I (fully) agree with you about/on that.

I agree entirely.

I'm of the same opinion (as X).

Disagreeing

Really? I don't think that you can say...

I'm sure you're wrong there. Look,...

I can't agree. What about...?

Yes, but on the other hand,...

I see things a little differently.

I can't side with you there.

I doubt whether...

Oh, no, it's not like that at all.

I'm not sure whether that's true.

That argument just doesn't stand up/hold.

I'm afraid I have to disagree.

That may be (the case), but...

I have to contradict you on that point.

Come, come. You don't really believe that yourself, do you?