| Stating an opinion | • In my opinion...  
• The way I see it...  
• If you want my honest opinion...  
• According to Lisa...  
• As far as I’m concerned...  
• If you ask me... |
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| Asking for an opinion | • What’s your idea?  
• What are your thoughts on all of this?  
• How do you feel about that?  
• Do you have anything to say about this?  
• What do you think?  
• Do you agree?  
• Wouldn’t you say? |
| Expressing agreement | • I agree with you 100 percent.  
• I couldn’t agree with you more.  
• That’s so true.  
• That’s for sure.  
• *(slang)* Tell me about it!  
• You’re absolutely right.  
• That’s exactly how I feel / Exactly / Absolutely.  
• I’m afraid I agree with James.  
• I have to side with Dad on this one.  
• No doubt about it.  
• *(agree with negative statement)* Me neither.  
• *(weak)* I suppose so./I guess so.  
• You have a point there.  
• I was just going to say that. |
| Expressing disagreement | • I don’t think so.  
• *(strong)* No way.  
• I’m afraid I disagree.  
• *(strong)* I totally disagree.  
• I beg to differ.  
• *(strong)* I’d say the exact opposite.  
• Not necessarily.  
• That’s not always true.  
• That’s not always the case.  
• No, I’m not so sure about that. |
| Interruptions | • Can I add something here?  
• Is it okay if I jump in for a second?  
• If I might add something...  
• Can I throw my two cents in?  
• Sorry to interrupt, but...  
• *(after accidentally interrupting someone)* Sorry, go ahead. OR Sorry, you were saying...  
• *(after being interrupted)* You didn’t let me finish. |
| Settling an argument | • Let’s just move on, shall we?  
• Let’s drop it.  
• I think we’re going to have to agree to disagree.  
• *(sarcastic)* Whatever you say./If you say so. |
Useful Debate Vocabulary

Stating an opinion

- In our opinion...
- We (don’t) think that...
- The way we see it...
- If you want our honest opinion....
- According to me... → According to the other side/ our opponents...
- As far as I'm concerned...
- Our position is the following...

Sequencing:

- Firstly..., secondly..., our third point is that...
- The first good reason to... is that...; next; what's more; moreover....
- To begin, we think that...; in addition, you have to know that...; last but not least....
- The first point I would like to raise is this...
- Here's the main point I want to raise...
- I'd like to deal with two points here. The first is...

“I'm listening to the other side.”

- I see your point, but I think...
- Yes, I understand, but my opinion is that...
- That's all very interesting, but the problem is that...
- I'm afraid I can't quite agree with your point.
- I think I've got your point, now let me respond to it.
- We can see what you're saying. Here's my reply...

Disagreeing:

- Excuse me, but that's not quite correct.
- Sorry, I just have to disagree with your point.
- Let me just respond to that, please.
- I'd like to take issue with what you just said.
- We said that... but the other side has not replied to our point.
- I'd like to focus on two points that the other side has failed to address.
- There are two issues our opponents have failed to dispute, namely...
- We pointed out that...
- Our opponents have claimed that...
- To recap the main points...
- Let's sum up where we stand in this debate.
- In summary, we want to point out that...
Useful Debate Vocabulary

In summary, I want to point out that...
Let me summarize my position in this debate...
To recap the main points...
I pointed out that...
To sum up...

"So finally, we...
Just to be clear, here is what I mean...
Let me state what I mean...
I'd like to deal with two points here.
The first is...
Here's the main point I want to raise...
My position is the following...

"Well, I think that...
I must stress again that...
Your... I want to call your attention to an important point that you have not addressed...
I'd like to focus on two points that the other side has failed to address...
I said that...
I haven't addressed...
You haven't addressed...

"I need to say something now...
I can see what you're saying. Here's my reply...
I think I've got your point. Let me respond to it.
I'm afraid I can't agree with your point...
There's still very little agreement. But the problem is that...
Yes, understand... but my position is that...
I see your point, but I think...

"I'm listening to the other side..."