

Help Centres – English Support



Sentence Stems and Sentence Frames

Sentence Stems for Conversation

<u>Agree/Disagree</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I agree/disagree with your point because...• I agree with your idea, and I would also add that...• You have a good point, but I was thinking...• Could I suggest a different idea?	<u>Express an Opinion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I think/believe...• In my opinion...• In my experience...• Not everyone will agree with me, but...• It seems to me that...
<u>Asking for Clarification</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could you please repeat/explain that again?• I have a question about...• I'm confused about...• I'm not sure what you mean by...	<u>Offering a Suggestion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I think we should...• What if we...• Maybe we could...• Another idea is...• Would you like to...
<u>Showing Gratitude</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I like the way you...• Thank you for explaining...• This was very helpful to me because...• Now I understand better because...• I am grateful for your help because...	<u>Paraphrasing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What you're saying is...• What I'm hearing you say is...• We've been talking about...• If I understand correctly, you think...• We all seem to agree that...

Sentence Frames for Discussions

Agreement

- The reason I believe _____ is because _____.
- I agree with _____ because _____.
- I agree that _____ is correct because my experience with _____ taught/showed me that _____.
- _____ is right about _____ because recent studies have shown that _____.

Disagreement

- I don't agree with _____ because _____.
- I disagree with what you said about _____ because _____.
- I disagree with the view that _____ because recent research has shown _____.
- I see this in another way because of my experience with _____.

Mixed Feelings

- I agree with you that _____, but I also think that _____.
- I understand your point of you on _____; however, I still believe that _____.
- On one hand, I agree that _____, but on the other hand _____.

Topics for Discussion:

1. English grammar is more important to learn than conversation skills.
2. Money is more important than love.
3. The internet is better than television.
4. Dogs make better pets than cats.
5. Social media reduces people's self-esteem.