

ENGLISH LANGUAGE I. G. -CONVENTIONS OF INTERVIEWS-

A convincing written interview needs to show distinct differences between interviewer and the interviewee.

Interviews have some common 'turns of phrase'.

- ❖ Put the letter corresponding to each of the phrases below in the correct column of the table, according to its purpose.

- a) This a scandal, isn't it?
- b) I want your listeners/ viewers/ readers to be in no doubt.
- c) Yes, on the whole.
- d) You didn't act fast enough, did you?
- e) Exactly!
- f) Absolutely!
- g) Let me be clear about this.
- h) I want to make this absolutely clear.
- i) No, that is not the case at all.
- j) That is not correct/ is only partly true/ is entirely false.
- k) Broadly speaking, that is correct/true.
- l)

Phrases for agreeing	Phrases for disagreeing	Phrases for emphasis	Use of question tags to make a point

- ❖ Put a tick (✓) next to the features that you would expect to see in an interview written out on the page.

☐	Speech marks
☐	Names of speakers on the left
☐	Present and present continuous
☐	Inner thoughts of characters
☐	One or two word lines or utterances