



EXPRESSING OPINIONS

Expressing a Personal Opinion

- In my opinion,...
- I feel that...
- I would say that...
- It seems to me that...
- I am of the opinion that ...
- Speaking personally...
- As I see it...
- Well, if you ask me...
- In my view...
- I think that...



Giving Reasons

- I tell you all this because ...
- I base my argument on ...
- I'm already thinking that because ...

Expressing Personal Doubt

- I'm not sure if ...
- I'm not satisfied that ...
- I'm not convinced that...
- I doubt that ...



Expressing Disagreement

- I'm sorry but I'm of a different opinion.
- I don't agree with you about ...
- Sorry, I can't accept your opinion that ...



OTHER WAYS TO SAY "I AGREE"

I agree with you.

That's right.

We are of one mind.

You're absolutely right.

You are so right.

No doubt about it.

Our thoughts are parallel.

I'd go along with that.

I don't doubt you're right.

I see what you mean...

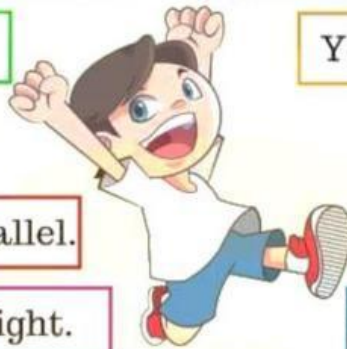
I had that same idea.

I could not agree with you more.

That's exactly what I was thinking.

I could not have said it any better.

You've hit the nail on the head.



OTHER WAYS TO SAY "I AGREE"

We're in accord.

You've found.

Agreed / I agree.

You got it.

Of course.

Affirmative.

Exactly! / Absolutely!

I guess so.

That's exactly how I feel.

Definitely.

My thoughts exactly.

I feel that way too.

I think you are totally right about that.

You took the words right out of my mouth.

That's just what I was thinking.





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Expression Support

- You took the words right out of my mouth.
- That's a very important point.
- You are right.
- I strongly agree with you.
- You're quite right.



Stating Something As a Fact

- Everyone knows that ...
- It is normally accepted that ...
- There can be no doubt that ...
- As everybody knows ...
- Nobody will deny that ...

Enumeration of Points

- Moreover ...
- In addition to that ...
- Furthermore ...
- First of all, I would like to say ...
- First ..., second ..., third ...
- Another example of this point is that ...



Summing Up, Drawing Conclusions

- Finally ...
- The obvious conclusion is ...
- Summing up, I must say that ...
- In conclusion, we can say that ...
- To cut a long story short, ...



IN MY OPINION



Pair Work

Instructions: Review the different ways to express opinions. Then, discuss the 10 questions provided on the right-hand side.

OTHER WAYS TO SAY "I THINK"

In my opinion...

I believe...

I assume...

I would say...

In my point of view...

I consider...

From my point of view...

As far as I can tell...

To me...

To my mind...

It is my view...

As far as I'm concerned...

It's my belief that...

The way I see things is that...

I honestly believe that...

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Questions

1. What is the best way to learn English?
2. Where is the best place to visit in your town/city?
3. Who is your favorite actor or actress?
4. What is the best TV channel in Costa Rica?
5. What makes a good English student?
6. What is the best way to relax?
7. What's the most beautiful place in Costa Rica?
8. Is Costa Rica the happiest country in the world?
9. What do you think of legalizing death penalty?
10. What do you think of legalizing light drugs?



Instructions: Work with a classmate and **Student A agrees** with the following topics, but **Student B disagrees** with them. Make sure you explain the reasons provided in each topic. **Talk for 3 minutes about each topic.**

Do you think schools are teaching the skills needed to succeed in life?



Do you think single-sex schools are better for students?



Do you think violent video games should be banned?



Should cell phones be allowed at schools? Why? Why not?



Should homework be banned? Why? Why not?



Should school uniforms be compulsory for students? Why?



Should parents be allowed to choose their baby's gender?



Can money buy happiness? Why? Why not?



Is country life better than city life? Why? Why not?



Which is more important: talent or hard work? Why?



Do you think a couple
should live together
before marriage?



Do you think that
technology makes
us more alone?

