

 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