

Climate change – How to express your opinion

Here are some expressions you can use when expressing your opinion about this pressing matter. Some of these expressions you have probably seen before in the previous reading and activities.

- ✓ I think...
- ✓ I believe...
- ✓ I feel...
- ✓ In my opinion...
- ✓ I would say...

Here are some examples from the reading.

- I think I made one of the best decisions of my life, which was to turn that anger into collective action.
- I believe the only way to stop climate crisis is with collective action.

If you want to add strength to the ideas that you are sharing you can add an adverb or adjective. For example:

- ✓ I **really** think...
- ✓ I **strongly** believe...
- ✓ I **truly** feel...
- ✓ In my **honest** opinion...

Let's see some examples.

- I strongly believe that youth should advocate for government action against climate change.
- I truly believe global warming is a preoccupying issue and we should work together to find solutions.

If you find yourself in a Formal situation where you need to share your thoughts, you can use some of the next expressions.

- ✓ From my point of view...
- ✓ From my perspective...
- ✓ In my view...
- ✓ It seems to me that...

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It is always productive to listen to other people's thoughts and ideas. If you need to ask for other's suggestions, you can use some of these questions.

- ✓ What do you think of...?
- ✓ What are your thoughts on...?
- ✓ How do you feel about...?
- ✓ What's your opinion on...?

Let's see some examples.

- What do you think about Nicole Becker?
- How do you feel about Claudia Bahamon and her interest on environmental issues?

Of course if you are talking about opinion you can agree or disagree with them. Here are some ways to do it. These are more informal and short answers.

Informal		Formal
Agreement	Disagreement	Disagreement
So do I	I disagree	I am not sure I agree with you...
Me too.	I don't agree	I am sorry but I don't agree...
Definitely.	Yeah, but...	I am afraid I disagree...
I agree.		I see what you are saying but...
I couldn't agree more.		I understand where you are coming from but...

Time for practice!

Now it is time for you to express your thoughts and point of view about climate change.

Write a small paragraph about climate change. You can choose one of the questions from the list and use it to guide your writing.

- ✓ What are your thoughts about climate change?
- ✓ What do you think young people can do to stop climate change?
- ✓ How can we promote climate change awareness in our communities?
- ✓ Do you know any activist in your community that is talking about climate change?
- ✓ From your point of view, is climate change real?

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You can also watch the next video about climate change to have a better understanding about this issue.

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Please, write your paragraph here.

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