

Useful Phrases for Discussion and Debate

absolutely

wonder

seems

way

point

sides

argument

addition

1. Introducing a point

- First of all, I'd like to _____ out...
- The main problem is...
- The question of.....
- Speaking of...
- What we have to decide is...

2. Enumeration of points

- First of all, I'd like to say...
- In _____ to that...
- Moreover, ,...
- Furthermore, ,...
- Another example of this is..
- First, second, third...
- Finally,,...

3. Expressing a personal opinion

- It _____ to me that...
- I have the feeling that...
- I feel that...
- I'm _____ convinced that...
- You can take it from me that...
- I think/don't think that...
- In my opinion,
- Well, if you ask me...
- As I see it...
- The _____ I see it, ...
- Personally, I believe/suppose/feel (that)...
- I'm convinced that....

4. Expressing pros and cons

- There are two _____ to the question.
- On the one hand...,on the other hand...
- An _____ for/ in favour of/ against is that...
- While admitting that...one should not forget that...
- Some people think that...,others say that...

5. Expressing doubt

- I'm not sure if...
- I'm not convinced that...
- I _____ if you realize that...
- I doubt that.