

- ### Grammar box



- Focusing on the main topic or returning to a previous line of discussion

Introducing an opinion or criticism



Softening an opinion or criticism

Making additional (often contrasting) points

[illegible]

- anyway, what I was going to say was more or less frankly mind you
as a matter of fact as far as ... is concerned in fact as for as regards/regarding

- ✓ I | be honest, Picasso's work isn't my cup of tea.
- ✓ Caravaggio had a very difficult life. Anyway, | I was going to say was he is my favourite artist.
- ✓ I love those old medieval paintings. To tell you | truth, I don't like modern art at all.
- ✓ Nek Chand must be one of the world's greatest artists. | any rate, he's the best in India.
- ✓ I think the Mona Lisa is overrate. As | matter of fact, I don't like it's Leonardo's best painting.
- ✓ As far as modern sculpture is | , Henry Moore is undoubtedly the greatest.
- ✓ Georgia O'Keefe's paintings of flowers are kind | interesting. I love the colours she uses.
- ✓ | I was saying, Lee Krasner's art was overshadowed by that of her husband, Jackson Pollock.

- 1 A: | , I don't like Impressionism much.
B: Neither do I. | , I think it's been overexposed.

- 2 A: Pollock's technique of dripping paint onto canvas was | | strange.
B: I agree. | | his work did revolutionise modern art.
- 3 A: I love performance art. | |, David Blaine's my hero.
B: David Blaine? The magician? | |, I think he's crazy!
- 4 A: I love Spanish art. | | Picasso, I think he was the greatest of all time.
B: Well, yes, he | | invented modern art.
- 5 A: | | photography, Cindy Sherman is currently the most famous artist.
B: Really? | |, I've never heard of her.

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Source: 1) www.wikipedia.org 2) <https://www.english-4u.de/grammar1.htm>