

**Stock Phrases**

**Turn-Taking (to begin)**

Shall I begin?  
May I start?  
Would you like to start?

**Turn-taking (to change turn)**

What do you think?  
Would you like to add something?  
Wouldn't you agree?

**Expressing your opinion**

As far as I'm concerned...  
The way I see it...  
As far as I can see...  
To my way of thinking...  
To my mind...  
If you ask me...  
I strongly believe...

**Agreeing**

I see where you are coming from.  
I see what you're saying.  
I see what you mean.  
I couldn't agree more.  
I totally agree.  
Absolutely.

**Moving the discussion forward**

Shall we move on to... ?  
And what about... ?  
Let's move on to... ?  
Let's consider...  
Why don't we look at... ?  
How about... ?  
Let's take a look at...

**Inviting a general opinion**

What's your take?  
What do you think?  
How do you see it?

**Inviting agreement**

Don't you think?  
Wouldn't you agree?  
Wouldn't you say?

**Politely Disagreeing**

I take your point, but...  
I hear what you are saying, but...  
I see where you are coming from, but...  
I don't really agree with what you're saying because...

**Reaching a decision**

Shall we agree on... ?  
Then we're agreed;...  
Can we agree on... ?  
Are we both agreed on... ?  
So shall we say.. ?  
Let's decide on...  
Why don't we go with... (an option)?

**Contrasting pictures / images**

In Picture 1 we see ... whereas in Picture 2...  
Picture 1 shows ... while in Picture 2 there is/are...  
In Picture 1 there is/are... However, Picture 2 shows...  
There is/are ... in Picture 1, while/whereas/but in Picture 2 there is/are...  
In Picture 1 I can see... . In contrast, Picture 2 shows...  
In the first picture ... can be seen, while the second picture shows...

**Explaining (justifying) yourself**

The reason I say that is because...  
Let me explain;...  
I think that because...  
I am of this opinion because...  
The reason I think that is...  
I came to that conclusion because...

**Finding similarities between pictures / images**

In both pictures we can see...  
Both pictures show...  
There is/are ... in both pictures.  
Picture 1 shows ... and in Picture 2 we can also see...  
... can be seen in both pictures.  
Both pictures have something in common; they show...  
The pictures are similar in that they both show...  
In Picture 1 there is/are... Similarly, Picture 2 shows...

**Parts of a picture/image**



In the top-left corner of the picture I can see...	Centre-top of the picture I can see...	In the top-right corner of the picture I can see...
Centre-left of the picture I can see...	In the centre of the picture I can see...	Centre-right of the picture I can see...
In the bottom-left corner of the picture I can see...	Centre-bottom of the picture I can see...	In the bottom-right corner of the picture I can see...