

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...