

DISCUSSIONS - USEFUL LANGUAGE
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STARTING A DISCUSSION

So, shall we begin with this? / Let's start, shall we?
Right. I think we could start with...

AGREEING

I (quite) agree. / I think you're absolutely right.
That's a very good point. / I totally agree.
Exactly! / Yes, definitely.
That's exactly what I think.

DISAGREEING

Well, I don't really agree with... / So we can't agree about...
So we have different opinions about...

INVITING YOUR PARTNERS TO SPEAK

What do you think about...? / What are your views...?

EXPRESSING YOUR OPINION

In my opinion/view, ... / Personally, I think/believe...
Actually, I don't think that...

DOUBT AND RESERVATION

Well... maybe... possibly.. / I'm not so sure about that.
It depends.

MAKING A SUGGESTION

Why don't we...? / What about...? / I think we should talk about...

EXPRESSING YOUR OPINION

In my opinion/view, ... / From my point of view,...
Personally, I think/believe.../ Actually, I don't think that...
I definitely think that... / I'm sure that...
I'm convinced that... / I really do think that...
The way I see it is that... / If you ask me, I would say that...

HAVING NO OPINION

I'm sorry, but I don't have any definite opinion on that subject. /
I'm sorry, but I just don't know enough about it ...
I'm sorry, but I haven't had time to form an opinion on that.

INTERRUPTING POLITELY

Actually, I'd just wanted to say... /Sorry to interrupt but ...
Could I just say something? / I wonder if I could point out that
Excuse me, could I just make a point here?
Excuse me, could I just say something here?

REACHING A DECISION

So let's make a decision, shall we?
Well, we all seem to agree that...