

PART 2

Compare and Contrast

there's no difference between ... / they're much the same ...
it's a bit like ... / as against ... / However.
Nevertheless... / Although... / Notwithstanding...
On the one hand / On the other hand,... / *for all that ...*
in contrast to ... / in spite of this / in spite of the fact that
all the same ... / having said that ... / At the same time ...

Speculating

I'd say he's about ready to quite his job.
It might need some oil.
He could be in the garden.
It looks like a miniature motor.
Perhaps he needs some time off work.
Maybe they want to come and visit this summer.
It's difficult to say, but I'd guess that it's used for cleaning house.
I'm not really sure, but I think they enjoy hiking in the mountains.

Linking expressions

In addition, / In fact, / In other words,
For instance, / That is to say, / Moreover
For example, / Similarly / Besides,
Nevertheless / What's more / Because of this
Even so, / On the other hand

Giving opinions

Personally, I would say that...
I'm not really very interested in ...
It's very hard to say, but ...
If I had to choose ..., I would

PART 3

<p>1.- Starting a discussion Why don't we start by ... ? Shall we ... first? Let's begin with ... (shall we?) We could start by talking about ...</p>	<p>2.- Introducing the topic First of all, I would like to say that ... I would like to begin by ... Many people think that ... Why do some people believe ... ?</p>	<p>3.- Involving the other person What do you think (about) ...? Do you agree with that? What would you say?</p>
<p>4.- Interrupting/Showing you want a turn Can I just say ... ? Sorry to interrupt, but ... Yes, and as well as that</p>	<p>5.- Adding an opinion Apart from that ... And there's another thing.. Not only that ... Actually ... So far ...</p>	<p>6.- Advantages The main advantage is that Another advantage is that Disadvantages Another disadvantage is ... Last but not least, ...</p>
<p>7.- Bringing the discussion to an end So let's decide which ... Shall we make a decision? Anyway, we have to decide ...</p>	<p>8.- Giving opinions For me, one of the most important..... is I just think that what matters is The most important factor for me is Personally, I would say that... I'm not really very interested in ... It's very hard to say, but ... If I had to choose ..., I would</p>	