

- General Discussion Phrases

BASIC TERMS FOR EXPRESSING OPINIONS

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| • In my opinion, ... | • I tend to feel/think ... | • Some might suggest (that) ... |
| • From my (limited) perspective ... | • I strongly feel ... | • I'd like to add (that) ... |
| • It seems to me (that) ... | • Based on my experience, ... | • Is it possible (that) ... ? |
| | • I'd like to interject here. | |
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BASIC TERMS FOR MAKING SUGGESTIONS

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| • I believe X is the best course of action. | • What would prevent us from ...? | • Would it be possible to ... ? |
| • Perhaps we should ... | • Would X be a solution? | • Could X resolve this issue? |
| • Why don't we ... ? | • What if we were to ... ? | |
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BASIC TERMS FOR AGREEING & DISAGREEING

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| • I (completely) (dis)agree. | • That makes sense to me. | • Wouldn't it be more accurate to say X? |
| • I tend to (dis)agree. | • I'm sorry, but I must disagree. | • I agree with most of what you've said. However... |
| • I'm in agreement with your position. | • I'm afraid I'll have to disagree. | • I find that slightly off-target. |
| • I find your position quite (un)reasonable. | • Is it possible you're overlooking X? | • If I can make a minor suggestion, you said X, but I feel Y is more accurate. |
| • I think you're right. | • How would you respond if some countered by claiming X? | |
| • That seems reasonable. | | |
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BASIC TERMS FOR ELICITING COMMENTS FROM OTHERS

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| • What is your position on this (issue)? | • Would you mind expressing your opinion on this? | • Are you in agreement that X? |
| • Do you have anything to add? | • Could we have your expertise on this issue? | • Would you like to contribute your opinion on this issue? |
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ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION

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| • I'm not sure I understand. | • When you say {their words}, do you mean {rephrasing}? | • What do you mean by {their words}? |
| • I'm afraid I don't follow. | • How do you define X? | • Could you clarify that point? |
| • Could you elaborate on that? | | |