

50+ Useful Phrases in English Conversation

Asking about other people's opinions:

- Do you agree?
- What do you think...?
- What's your opinion...?
- How do you feel...?
- I'd like to hear your thoughts on...?
- I'm interested to hear your opinion about this.
- Would you like to add anything?

When you want to interrupt someone:

- Sorry...
- Excuse me...
- Do you mind if I add to that?
- Can I jump in here?
- Sorry to interrupt but...
- Sorry for interrupting but...
- Sorry, may I interrupt you for just a moment?
- If I may interrupt you for a minute...

When you have "gone off-topic"

- So anyway, getting back to my story...
- As I was saying...
- Where was I? Ah yes...

When you think you have understood, but need to double check:

- So what you're saying/asking is...?
- So what you want to know is...?
- In other words, what you're saying is...?
- I would like to confirm what you said
- Excuse me, can I just confirm that...?

When you agree:

- Yes! Absolutely!
- I completely agree with you!
- I couldn't agree more!

When you somewhat disagree:

- I see what you mean but...

- I understood your point of view but...
- I can see where you are coming from, but...
- I agree with you up to a point, however...

When you completely disagree:

- I don't feel the same way
- Actually, I don't quite agree/I disagree
- I'm afraid I don't agree with you on that
- Respectfully, I have to disagree
- We'll have to agree to disagree, then!

To change the topic:

- That reminds me...
- Speaking about/speaking of...
- Oh, by the way...
- Oh, while I remember...
- Before I forget...
- This has nothing to do with what we are talking about, but...
- I know this is changing the topic, but...

When you are talking about a controversial topic:

- I know not everyone agrees with me
- I know this is a contentious issue
- It might be an unpopular opinion, but I strongly believe...
- I don't see eye-to-eye with everyone on this matter, but I think it's important to discuss this
- While you may not agree with my views, I'm definitely interested in hearing yours
- I'm not trying to ruffle anyone's feathers here...

To end a conversation:

- Well, I'd best/better be off! It's been great chatting!
- Anyway, I'd better get back to work.
- I'm so glad I ran into you! It's been great catching up. I'll see you soon