



VOCABULARY FOR DEBATES

Stating an opinion:

INFORMAL

- In my opinion_____
- I think that_____
- I believe that_____
- It seems to me that_____
- If you ask me_____
- I'd say that_____
- The point is_____
- As I see it_____

FORMAL

- Wouldn't you say that_____?
- Don't you agree that_____?
- I'd just like to say that_____
- I'd like to point out that_____

When you want someone to repeat or explain:

- I don't understand what you mean
- I'm sorry, but I didn't understand your point.
- Could you give an example?
- What do you mean by_____?

Agreeing with someone:

- You're right
- I think so, too
- You could be right
- I couldn't agree more
- That's a good point
- I see what you mean
- That's just what I was thinking



Disagreeing with someone:

- Yes, but_____
- That's not the point
- No, I think you're wrong
- Yes, that's quite true, but_____
- I'm not sure I quite agree
- Well, you have a point there, but_____
- Perhaps, but don't you think that_____
- I see your point, but_____

Informal

- I can't agree with you there
- You can't be serious!!
- Don't be silly!

Persuading someone:

- You must admit that____
- Do you really believe that_____?
- Don't you think that_____?
- Don't you agree that____?