

Useful Debate Vocabulary

Stating an opinion

- In our opinion...
- We (don't) think that...
- The way we see it...
- If you want our honest opinion....
- According to me... □ According to the other side/ our opponents...
- As far as I'm concerned...
- Our position is the following...

Sequencing :

- Firstly..., secondly..., our third point is that...
 - The first good reason to... is that... ; next ; what's more ; moreover....
 - To begin, we think that... ; in addition, you have to know that... ; last but not least....
 - The first point I would like to raise is this...
 - Here's the main point I want to raise...
 - I'd like to deal with two points here. The first is...
- “I'm listening to the other side.”
- I see your point, but I think...
 - Yes, I understand, but my opinion is that...
 - That's all very interesting, but the problem is that...
 - I'm afraid I can't quite agree with your point.
 - I think I've got your point, now let me respond to it.
 - We can see what you're saying. Here's my reply...

Disagreeing :

- Excuse me, but that's not quite correct.
- Sorry, I just have to disagree with your point.
- Let me just respond to that, please.
- I'd like to take issue with what you just said.
- We said that... but the other side has not replied to our point.
- I'd like to focus on two points that the other side has failed to address.
- There are two issues our opponents have failed to dispute, namely...
- We pointed out that...
- Our opponents have claimed that...
- To recap the main points...
- Let's sum up where we stand in this debate.
- In summary, we want to point out that...