

Useful expressions



Give the structure

- I'm going to deal with...
- First I will talk about...
- Then / Next, I will present...
- This leads me to wonder whether / how / if...
- In addition to this...
- To look at things from another point of view / differently...
- And finally, I will show you...
- To conclude / To sum up...

Develop

- There are some similarities between this and...
- For instance / For example
- Indeed / In other words
- In fact / Actually...
- What I mean is / My point is...
- I would like to stress that...
- I mean / That is to say...
- To put it simply, ...

Time to think

- Well, um...
- Let me think...
- What was I saying?
- Just give me a minute while I look at my notes here.
- Never mind, what I was trying to say was...
- So let's just move on to my next point.



Express your opinion

- I think that... / I know that...
- I'm certain / sure that...
- I believe that...
- I suppose / I guess that...
- I have the feeling that...
▶ *J'ai le sentiment que...*
- I'm convinced that...
▶ *Je suis convaincu(e) que...*
- In my opinion, ...
- Obviously, ... ▶ *À l'évidence, ...*
- It is obvious that... ▶ *Il est évident que...*
- It seems to me that...

Agree and disagree

- I agree (with you / him / her / them)
- I fully agree! / I couldn't agree more!
▶ *Je suis tout à fait d'accord!*
- Yes, of course! / I think so.
▶ *Oui, bien sûr! / Je pense que oui.*
- Yes, absolutely! ▶ *Absolument!*
- You're / he's / she's / they're right!
- True! / It is true!
- Fair enough! ▶ *Bon, d'accord!*
- I don't mind.
- I disagree.
- I don't agree (with you / him / her / them).
- I don't think so. ▶ *Je ne crois pas*
- I think you are / he is / she is / they're wrong.
- Not at all!
- Don't you think that...?
- I see your point but...
- Never! You must be joking!