Group Discussion Skills

You may find the following language items useful when you take part in a discussion. What functions do they perform? Can you think of more examples?

Function	Language items
Giving opinions	- I think/believe … - In my opinion, … - I personally think/believe … - Not everyone will agree with me, …
	- Excuse me, may I interrupt? - May I say/add something here?
Finishing what you want to say	- May I just finish? - I'll come to that in a moment.
Emphasizing	- I'd like to point out … - Can I draw your attention to …
	- I'm not sure what you mean … - In other words …
	- For example, … - For instance, …
Considering alternatives	- Have you considered …? - What about …?
Asking for opinion	- What do you think?
Agreeing	- That's true.

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