

## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think/believe ...</li> <li>• In my opinion, ...</li> <li>• I personally think/believe ...</li> <li>• Not everyone will agree with me, ...</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excuse me, may I interrupt?</li> <li>• May I say/add something here?</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Finishing what you want to say	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May I just finish?</li> <li>• I'll come to that in a moment.</li> </ul>
Emphasizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'd like to point out ...</li> <li>• Can I draw your attention to ...</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'm not sure what you mean ...</li> <li>• In other words ...</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For example, ...</li> <li>• For instance, ...</li> </ul>
Considering alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you considered ...?</li> <li>• What about ...?</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Asking for opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think?</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Agreeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That's true.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>



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