USEFUL PHRASES FOR DISCUSSION

Introducing a point

– First of all I'd like to point out….

– To start with,….

– Speaking of….

– The main problem is….

– The question of….

– I want to draw your attention to….

Stating something as a fact

– As everyone knows….

– There can be no doubt that….

– It is common knowledge that….

– It is generally accepted that….

– It is a fact that….

– Nobody will deny that….

Expressing a personal opinion

– In my opinion….

– In my view….

– It seems to me that….

– From my point of view….

– I'd like to point out that….

– I'm absolutely convinced that….

– As far as I'm concerned….

– If you ask me, I think that….

– If you want my opinion….

– I am quite sure….

Expressing pros and cons

– There are two sides to the question….

– On the one hand …, on the other hand….

– Some people think …, others say….

– An argument against … is….

– An argument for … is….

– An argument in favor of … is….

Expressing agreement

– You're right.

– Quite / Exactly / Certainly / Definitely.

– That's true / right.

– I quite / completely agree.

– I've got no objections.

– That's just what I was thinking.

– That's exactly what I meant to say.

– That's certainly how I see it.

Expressing disagreement

– I don't quite agree there.

– The argument just doesn't stand up / hold.

– I'm afraid I can't agree.

– I don't share your opinion.

– I object to the thought….

– I disagree with….

– You have to admit that….

– I can't accept the view that….

Enumeration

– Firstly / In the first place….

– Secondly / In the second place….

– And thirdly….

– Finally / Lastly….

– First of all, I'd like to say….

– In addition to that….

– Moreover, … furthermore, ….

– Another example of this is….

Drawing conclusions and summing up

– To sum up, ….

– Summing up, I'd like to say that….

– Briefly / In brief / In short / In other words….

– In conclusion we can say that….

– The obvious conclusion is….

– Last but not least….

– The only possible conclusion is….

– My final point is….