***Tactics for Speaking***

**1. Expressing a Preference**

* I prefer A to B because...
* If I have a choice, I will... (a real possibility)
* If I had a choice, I would... (not a real possibility, just wishing)
* For me, A is much more attractive / interesting / preferable than B because...
* I would much rather do / have / eat / listen to / blah blah blah A than B...

**2. Comparing and Contrasting**

* A is much better / worse than B.
* A is not nearly as good as B.
* A is not quite as important as B.
* A is almost as tall as B, but not quite.
* When I compare these two items, it's clear that...

**3. Suggesting**

* Maybe, Perhaps, Possibly
* One possibility that I can think of is...
* Another idea to think about is...

**4. Expressing Opinions**

* It seems to me that...
* This is only my opinion but...
* After a lot of thought, I have come to the conclusion that...
* I've never thought about this question much before, but it seems to me that...

**5. Justifying Opinions**

* The reason I believe this is...
* The most important evidence supporting my belief is...

**6. Speculating**

* I'm not sure what might happen, but one possibility is...
* It's hard to predict the future, but I suppose it / we might...

**7. Summarizing**

* Altogether, there were...
* In the end, they had to...
* When we consider all the factors...
* Considering all of these ideas, maybe the best thing would be to...

**8. Conversation Repair**

* Maybe I'm not making myself clear. I want to say that...
* What I mean to say is...
* What I'm trying to say is...
* Another way to put it is...

**9. Interrupting (turn-taking)**

* Excuse me for interrupting, but
* If I can just interrupt you for a moment,
* Sorry to interrupt, but…
* I know it's rude to interrupt, but
* I don't mean to interrupt, but
* If you don't mind me interrupting,
* Sorry for interrupting, but
* Sorry for butting in, but…
* Sorry to butt in, but…
* Could I just say something here?
* Can I come in here?
* I'd like to make a point here if I can.

**Inviting others to speak (turn-giving)**

* How do you feel about …?
* What do you think of …?
* Any thoughts?
* Do you agree?
* I imagine you will have strong opinions on…
* I know this is not your specialist subject, but…
* What do you have to say on the point?
* I’d like to hear your opinion.
* You must have an opinion on this, so…
* Can you give me your thoughts on…?
* Do you have an opinion on…?
* Do you have any (particular) thoughts/ views on…?
* Do you/ Did you want to add anything?
* Don't you think (so)?
* How about you?
* (Now) I'd like to hear what you think (about…)/ your views (on…).
* What are your feelings about…?
* What are your views on…?
* What do you reckon?
* What’s your opinion (on this)?
* What’s your position on…?
* What’s your take on…?
* What’s your view on…?
* Would you agree (that…)?
* You must have a view on this too.

**11. Giving non-personal information**

* It is believed that ...
* It is widely known that...

**12. Extending the conversation**

* To go into more detail ...
* To exemplify that, I would like to...
* To go further...