

Pre-Reading for Module 2

Expressing Opinion

KEY PHRASES

EXPRESSING OPINION

To be able to speak effectively, you need to remember some key phrases or sentences that are often used in a professional business setting. If you want to be fluent in English quickly, you need to practice using these key phrases outside of the class with your classmates.

RESPONDING TO OPINION

ASKING FOR OPINION	STATING OPINION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you think of ... What do you think about ... What's your opinion about ... What are your views on ... What are your thoughts on that issue? 	GENERAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I think... I believe... I feel... I suppose... I guess... 	MORE FORMAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In my opinion, In my view, From my viewpoint, From my perspective, It seems to me that ... As far as I'm concerned ...

RESPONDING TO OPINION

AGREE	PARTLY AGREE / DISAGREE	DISAGREE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exactly That's a good point I feel the same I couldn't agree more I was just going to say that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I see your point, but... You make a good point, but ... I agree with you to an extent, but ... That seems like a good idea, but... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I don't agree / disagree with you I beg to differ That's not the way I see it I don't think so i don't feel the same.

FEEDBACK

ASKING FOR FEEDBACK	GIVING FEEDBACK
"In your opinion, what could I change about my presentation skills to deliver a more powerful presentation next time?" I was just going to say that	[mention context], I feel it is [mention opinion] There are many different typefaces, and my mind was wondering if I missed something when reading through the copy-writing (explaining reason).

GRAMMAR POINTS : DEGREE OF COMPARISON

When we give an opinion during conversation, we often compare one thing to another. In English, we called this the degrees of comparison.

It is a formula that uses adjectives to compare something with another.



Lula is as tall as Ryan

POSITIVE

The positive degree is used to tell about the existence of a quality. This offers no comparison.

EXAMPLE:

- Ardian is just as thoughtful as Kiki.
- Learning a programming language is just as important as learning how to work in a team.



Lula is taller than Mia
Mia is shorter than Lula

COMPARATIVE

The comparative degree is used to compare two things to show which has the lesser or greater degree of the quality.

EXAMPLE:

- We are recruiting more junior developers than we did last year.
- It is safer to store the data in the Cloud than our computer device.



Arkaf is the tallest among the UI/UX team.

SUPERLATIVE

The superlative degree is used to compare more than two things to show which has the least or greatest degree of the quality.

EXAMPLE:

- I think algorithm is the most difficult subject in computer science.
- The simplest way to do this is to hire an experienced SEO writer.

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DEGREE OF COMPARISON: RULES OF ADJECTIVE

Type of adjective	Example in Positive Degree	How to Form in Comparative Degree	How to Form in Superlative Degree
One syllable	Strong	Stronger (add -er)	the + Strongest (add -est)
One syllable ending vowel consonant	Thin	Thinner (double consonant and add -er)	the + Strongest (add -est)
More than one syllable	Famous	More famous/ Less famous (add more or less)	the + Most famous/ Least famous (add most or least)
More than one syllable ending "y"	Pretty	Prettier/ Less Pretty (change "y" --> "i" add -er , or add less)	the + Prettiest/ Least Pretty (change "y" --> "i" add -est , or add least)
Irregular (No rules)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good• Bad• Many		the + <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best• Worst• Most

DEGREE OF COMPARISON: RULES OF ADVERBS

Type of adjective	Example in Positive Degree	How to Form in Comparative Degree	How to Form in Superlative Degree
One syllable	Fast	Faster (add -er)	the + Strongest (add -est)
More than one syllable	Carefully	More carefully/ Less carefully (add more or less)	the + Most carefully/ Least carefully (add most or least)
Irregular (No rules)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well• Badly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better• Worse	the + <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best• Worst

EXPRESSING OPINION ROLE-PLAY SCENARIO

During the lesson, you will have the time to practice using key phrases in a role-play. Below are the scenarios that you may practice together with your peers.

Further instruction will be given in class.

SCENARIO 1

This is a discussion about Product Development in a start-up, between cross-functional representatives. You may discuss specifically what type of product will be launched along with the stages, timeline, and launching strategy.

Fika: You are a Product Development Manager of an XYZ start-up. You gather your team to discuss the best way to launch the product to the customers. You have invited Nancy the Marketing Head, Arbi the Full-Stack Developer, and Yohanes the Data Scientist.

Nancy: You are the Marketing Head of an XYZ start-up. You want to clarify the list of influencers who are going to be among the first 10 users for your marketing campaign.

Arbi: You are the Full-Stack Developer of an XYZ start-up.

You are supporting your team with the technicalities of the product.

Yohan:: You are the Data Scientist who presents the forecast analysis in the upcoming future. You are representing Clara, the Department Head, who is unable to attend the meeting.

SCENARIO 2

Firman: You are a new Software Developer at ABC Company. You have been working for two years, and you want to know in which areas you can develop your strength. You want to contribute better to the company. Thus, you ask Kania, your supervisor, for advice/feedback.

Kania: You are the Head of Software Development at ABC Company. You liked Firman from the very first time working with him. You acknowledge his capability of handling many projects simultaneously and his ability to exceed the expectation of the clients; however, you realize that, lately, Firman has been working too hard and maybe experiencing burn-out. You might want to give some advice or feedback on overcoming his problem.

SCENARIO 3

You may create an imaginary scenario about two or three people having a discussion on who is going to be involved in a project, how to achieve a certain target, solving a technical problem, or any other scenario that you see fit.