**Challenging**

I disagree because…

I see what you mean but…

I'm not sure I agree because…

I see your point but it’s also true that…

I respect your opinion but I think…

An alternative view would be

**Clarifying**

Do you mean..? In other words, are you saying that…? Just to be clear…

So what you are saying is..?

Can you explain that again, please?

Am I right in understanding that…?

**Making a contribution**

I think…because…

In my opinion…I feel that . . .

For me, the most important / best/ worst…

I think that one of the key points is…

**Summarising**

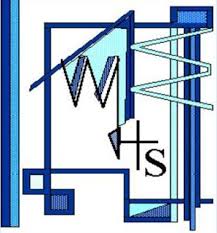
To summarise, I think…

So what we’ve decided is…

I think there are a few key ideas…

Do you agree that the main points are…?

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Group Discussion

**Encouraging others/asking questions**

Could I ask? What do you think?

Does anyone agree or disagree with that point?

Let’s make sure we hear from everyone…

Would anyone like to comment on that?

I wonder if…?

**Moving the discussion on**

I think we should move to the next point

We have other areas to consider

Why don’t we move on and come back to this if necessary?

**Developing points**

For example / for instance…

My reasons are…

This is due to…

What I mean by this is…

My evidence for this is…

**Starting the discussion**

Let’s talk about… To begin with…

What do you think about..?

We need to decide…

Why don’t we start by…?

I wonder…

The question up for discussion is…

**Building on contributions**

Good point. I also think…

I’d like to add to that by saying…

Just to build on …’s point

I would like to build on what… said.

Another example is…