



Phrases for Conversation

To invite people into the conversation

1. Do you agree?
2. What do you think ...?
3. What's your opinion ...?
4. How do you feel ...?
5. I'd like to hear your thoughts on ...
6. I'm interested to hear your opinion about ...
7. Would you like to add anything ...

To politely interrupt

1. Sorry ...
2. Excuse me ...
3. Do you mind if I add to that?
4. Can I jump in here?
5. Sorry to interrupt but ...
6. Sorry for interrupting but ...
7. Sorry, may I interrupt you for just a minute?
8. If I may interrupt you for a minute, ...

To bring the conversation back to the topic

1. So anyway, getting back to the story ...
2. As I was saying ...
3. Where was I? Ah, yes ...

To reconfirm what you have heard

1. So, what you are saying is ...
2. So, what you are asking is ...
3. So, what you want to know is ...
4. Do you mean
5. In other words, what you're saying is ...
6. I'd like to confirm what you said.

To agree

1. Yes! Absolutely
2. I completely agree with you.
3. I couldn't agree more!

To partially disagree

1. I see what you mean, but ...
2. I understand your point of view, but ...
3. I can see where you are coming from, but ...
4. I agree with you up to a point, however, ...

To completely disagree

1. I don't feel the same way.
2. Actually, I don't quite agree ...
3. I am afraid I don't agree with you on that.
4. Respectfully, I have to disagree.
5. We'll have to agree to disagree then.

To change the topic

1. That reminds me ...
2. Speaking about ...
3. By the way ...
4. While I remember ...
5. Before I forget ...
6. This is nothing to do with what we are talking about, but ...
7. I know this is changing the topic, but ...

To talk about controversial topics

1. I know not everyone agrees with me.
2. I know this is a contentious issue, but ...
3. It might be an unpopular opinion, but I strongly believe ...
4. I don't see eye-to-eye with everyone on this matter but ...
5. Whilst you may not agree with my views, I am definitely interested in hearing yours.
6. I am not trying to ruffle anyone's feathers here ...

To end a conversation

1. Well, I'd best be off! It's been great chatting.
2. Anyway, I'd better get back to my work.
3. I am so glad I ran into you! It's been great catching up.