



Vocabulary for Debates & Discussions (B2–C1)

How to Use This Worksheet

This worksheet will help you express opinions clearly, agree and disagree politely, support ideas with reasons, and sound confident and balanced in discussions.

Use these expressions in Cambridge speaking exams, essays, workplace meetings, and real-life discussions.

Exercise 1 – Match the Phrase to Its Function

Match each phrase (1–8) with its function (A–H).

1. In my view
2. I couldn't agree more
3. I'm not entirely convinced
4. What I mean is...
5. That's a fair point
6. One of the main reasons is...
7. If I may add something...
8. To sum up...

- A. Giving a reason
- B. Soft disagreement
- C. Asking to speak
- D. Strong agreement
- E. Clarifying meaning
- F. Concluding
- G. Expressing an opinion
- H. Conceding a point

Exercise 2 – Choose the Best Option

Choose the most polite and natural option.

1.

A. You're wrong about that.

B. I see it differently.

2.

A. I think technology is bad.

B. I would argue that technology has both advantages and disadvantages.

3.

A. That's nonsense.

B. I'm not entirely convinced by that argument.

4.

A. Listen to me.

B. If I may add something...

Exercise 3 – Upgrade the Language (B2 → C1)

Rewrite each sentence using a more advanced phrase.

1. I think exams are stressful.

→ _____

2. I agree, but not completely.

→ _____

3. Let me explain.

→ _____

4. In the end, balance is important.

→ _____

Exercise 4 – Fill the Gaps

Complete the sentences using the words below.

argued – extent – worth – illustrated – perspective

1. From my _____, this solution is realistic.
2. I agree to an _____, but some risks remain.
3. It could be _____ that education needs reform.
4. This point can be _____ by recent studies.
5. It's _____ noting that opinions vary.

Exercise 5 – Mini Speaking Task (Exam-Style)

Discussion question:

Some people believe that social media improves communication, while others think it causes more harm than good. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Useful phrases (use at least four):

- In my view
- I see your point, but...
- One of the main reasons is...
- That's a fair point
- To sum up

Aim for 1–2 minutes of speaking.

Answer Key

Exercise 1:

1-G, 2-D, 3-B, 4-E, 5-H, 6-A, 7-C, 8-F

Exercise 2:

1-B, 2-B, 3-B, 4-B

Exercise 4:

1. perspective

2. extent

3. argued

4. illustrated

5. worth