

Discussion Gambit Index Cards

I. Giving Opinions

It seems to me that . . .	Well, in my opinion, . . .
To bring up another point, . . .	I'd also like to point out that . . .
As I see it, . . .	As far as I'm concerned, . . .
It is my considered opinion that . . .	There's no doubt in my mind that . . .

II. Expressing Agreement

That's a good point.	I couldn't agree more.
That's my feeling exactly.	I think we are in agreement on that.
I agree with you completely.	I agree entirely with your point of view.

III. Expressing Partial Agreement

By and large, I would accept your views, but . . .	I agree with you on the whole, but it could also be said that . . .
I agree in principle, but . . .	Although I agree with most of what you've said, I find it difficult to agree with your point about . . .

IV. Expressing Polite Disagreement

But don't you think that . . .	I'm not sure I agree with you on that. What I think is . . .
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I'm afraid I have to disagree with you.	Yes, that may be true, but . . .
I see what you mean, but . . .	I have some sympathy with your position, but . . .
I'm not totally convinced by your argument.	I must take issue with the argument you've just made.

V. Asking for Clarification

I didn't follow what you said about . . .	I'm not sure what you're getting at.
Correct me if I'm wrong, but are you saying that . . .	I'm afraid I'm not quite clear what you mean by that.
I'm sorry, but I didn't get your last point. Could you go over it again?	When you say . . . do you mean that . . .
Would I be correct in saying that . . .	Am I correct in assuming that . . .

VI. Clarifying One's Position

That's not exactly what I mean.	Let me put it another way.
Basically, what I'm trying to say is . . .	My point is that . . .
Perhaps I haven't made myself clear.	Perhaps I should make that clearer by saying . . .
I'm afraid there seems to be a slight misunderstanding.	To be more specific, . . .

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