

PERSONAL REACTIONS

Gap-fillers (bouche-trous)

Well, ...

Er, ... well, you see / you know ...

Well, it's like ... / it's sort of strange ...

I'll tell you what ... (laissez-moi vous dire)

Now wait a minute ...

Hang on, er, ... (attendez, euh, ...)

Anyway, ... to get back to the subject, ... (quoiqu'il en soit, pour en revenir au sujet, ...)

Mind you / Actually / As a matter of fact, ... (en fait, en réalité, ...)

What I'm trying to say / get at is that ... (ce que j'essaie de dire / faire comprendre, c'est que ...)

What I mean to say is that ...

Do you see what I mean?

Opinions

I think (that) this is true / false / absurd (je pense que c'est vrai / faux / absurde)

I believe (that) he is right / wrong / biased / unobjective (je crois qu'il a raison / tort / est partial)

I agree with >< I disagree / I don't agree with (je suis d'accord avec >< je ne suis pas d'accord avec)

I can't help thinking that ... (je ne peux m'empêcher de penser que ...)

My feeling is that ... (sentiment)

Personally, I would tend to think that ... (j'aurais tendance à penser que ...)

What we have to realize is that ...

Well, obviously, there's no doubt that ... (de toute évidence, il ne fait pas de doute que ...)

As has already been said, I believe that ... (comme il a déjà été dit, je crois que ...)

Contrary to what has already been said, I believe that ... (au contraire de ce qui a déjà été dit, ...)

As a matter of fact, I am convinced that ... (le fait est que je suis convaincu que)

To tell the truth, I think that ... (pour dire la vérité, ...)

To my knowledge, ... / As far as I know ... (à ma connaissance).

Modifying opinions

(Well, my feeling is that,)	this / it depends on	what you think. how you look at it (comment vous considérez la chose) how much you want to prove your point how many people are involved (concernés) who you listen to (qui vous écoutez) where you are whether you are young or old (si vous êtes ...) when the incident occurred (a eu lieu)
	this is a matter of	how much you want to prove your point how many people are involved (concernés) where you are
	no matter	what you think, I'll keep saying that ... ¹ whose opinion it is, I think it's absurd. ² which way you look at it, ... ³ how hard you try, you won't prove your point. ⁴ how loud you speak, you won't persuade me. ⁵

1 quoi que vous pensiez, je continuerai à dire que

2 quelle que soit la personne qui pense ceci, je pense que c'est absurde

3 quelle que soit la manière de considérer la chose, ...

4. vous aurez beau essayer, vous ne prouverai pas votre affirmation.

5 vous aurez beau parler fort, vous ne me persuaderez pas.

Standpoint

I find it	extremely	incredible	that people (should) do ...
I think (that) it is	absolutely	astonishing	
I believe (that) it is	totally	amazing	
I am fully convinced (that) it's	completely	surprising	
In my opinion, it is	somewhat (plus ou moins)	strange	
To my mind, it is	a little bit (un peu)	abnormal	
My view is that it is	slightly (légèrement)	normal	

Assessing consequences

As a result, we can assume / infer that (tirer la conclusion que)

This results in (Cela entraîne)	the fact that ...
><	an increase in ...
This results from (Cela découle de)	a decrease in ...
	an impression of ...

This **leads** us to think that ... (nous amène à penser que ...)

This **caused** people to do ... (cela a poussé les gens à faire ...)

This **touched off** / This **triggered** (off) a series of ... (cela a déclenché une série de ...)

Protesting

She disapproves of She objects to She protests against She condemns	this. that.	
	him / his her them / their	taking the car. doing ...

Preventing

His mother prevented him from taking the car.

She couldn't stop him going there.

She put an end to him / his taking the car.

Enabling

Railways allowed the market to extend.

His father saved him the trouble of having to go there.

His computer enabled Jim to do it.

Concluding

Drawing a conclusion about the document,	we can say that to put it in a nutshell it seems that the basic idea is that	this is all based on it all revolves around what it actually boils down to is what matters most is	the fact that ... the notion that ... the idea that ...
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Asking for information

What's the contrary of "..."?	Er, excuse me, could you tell me what the contrary of "... " is?
What's the English for "..."?	Er, excuse me, do you know what the English for "... " is?
How do you say "... " in English?	Er, excuse me, do you have any idea how one says "... " in English?

Establishing a relationship

May I sit down?

May I open the window?

May I start? Puis-je commencer?

May I leave? Puis-je partir?

May I introduce myself? Puis-je me présenter?

Thank you for your attention.