

**EXPRESSIONS FOR CONVERSATION AND PERSONAL COMMENT**

- (1) **When you start saying something  
contributing to a conversation  
making a contribution**

First of all, I would like to say/state that.....  
To begin with, I.....  
In the first line, I.....

- (2) **What can you say instead of "I think" (don't sink, please)**

I would say/think  
In my opinion  
To my mind  
I am of the opinion that  
I hold the opinion that

- (3) **When you want to stress your "personal opinion":**

Personally I think  
As far as I am concerned  
As for me  
As I take it  
As far as I can see

- (4) **When you "agree" or when you "don't agree":**

I entirely/quite agree with you.  
I agree to (with) her plan.  
I am of the same opinion.  
  
I differ from/with you entirely.  
I disagree with you: I am sure you're mistaken.  
I stick to my opinion.  
  
Let's agree to differ!

- (5) **When you want to say the "opposite" of what someone else  
said:**

on the contrary! quite the contrary! just the opposite!  
That is the very opposite of what I said.  
That is quite the contrary to what I said.  
I maintain the contrary.  
In contrast to what you said, I maintain that.....

- (6) **When you are "quite sure" of something:**

of course!  
That goes without saying (It goes without saying  
that.....)  
I contend/maintain that.....  
It's my conviction that.....

- (7) **When you want to "ask a question":**

May I interrupt you?  
There arises the question/point whether/if.....  
This question raises the whole issue

