

# Expressions utiles à la discussion

## 1. To introduce one's opinion

I think - I feel - in my opinion - in my view - reckon

(conv = I think, I suppose).

Note : 'according to' is used to introduce somebody else's opinion.

Don't say 'according to me'.

## 2. To show the divisions of an argument

First of all - to begin with - in the first place - for one thing (conv. = *d'abord, d'une part*) - for another thing (conv. = *d'autre part*) - another thing is (conv.) - secondly, thirdly, etc.

## 3. To make a link (= *lien*) between different parts of an argument

Therefore - in addition - moreover - however - nevertheless (written English = *néanmoins*) - on the other hand ('on the one hand' is rare) - yet (= *pourtant, par contre*) - all the same (= *quand même*) - that is to say - anyway / at any rate / in any case (= *de toute façon*) - after all - at least (= *du moins*) - actually / in fact / as a matter of fact (= *en fait*) - similarly - besides (= *en outre*) - compared to - as well as - as regards... - as far as... is concerned - as for...

## 4. To introduce or modify a generalization

Generally speaking - in general - as a rule - on the whole - in most cases - in many cases - in theory - in practice - in many ways - to what extent - to a

great (large) extent - to some extent - basically - up to a point - in a way - so to speak - as it were - sort of (conv.) - more or less - somehow - by no means - not at all - as the case may be (= *selon le cas*)

## 5. Useful modifying adverbs

Totally - entirely - essentially - completely - definitely (= certainly) - mostly - mainly - chiefly - partly - especially - particularly - comparatively - relatively - extremely - incredibly - enormously - tremendously - remarkably

## 6. Words to use with examples and exceptions

For instance - for example - such as - including - in particular - apart from - except - with the exception of - etc./etcetera [et'setra] - and so on - and so forth

## 7. To express your attitude to what you're saying

Frankly - honestly - obviously - I suppose - probably - presumably - no doubt (= I suppose) - fortunately - unfortunately

## 8. To sum up

Finally - in a word - to sum up - in conclusion

## 9. To interrupt somebody; to introduce a new subject

Talking about... (= *à propos de...*) - incidentally (= *à propos*) - by the way (= *au fait*) - I say (= *dites donc*).