# Useful expressions to express your opinion

- In my opinion, ...
- To my mind, ...
- As far as I am concerned, .....
- Speaking personally, ...
- From my point of view, ...
- As for me / As to me, ....
- My view / opinion / belief / impression / conviction is that ...
- I hold the view that ...
- I would say that ...
- It seems to me that ...
- My impression is that ...
- It is my impression that ...
- I have the feeling that ...
- I have no doubt that ...
- I am sure / I am certain that ...
- I think / consider / find / feel / believe / presume / assume that ...
- I hold the opinion that ...
- I guess that ...

## Useful words to express your agreement

- I agree with you / him/ her..... I think so.
- I really think so.
- The author / the narrator / the protagonist / etc.) is right..... He/ she/ is quite right / absolutely right..... / You are right...
- He may be right. I have no objection.
- I have come to the same conclusion
- I hold the same opinion.
- It is true.
- That is right.
- Yes of course.

## Useful words to express your disagreement

- I don't agree.
- I disagree.
- I don't think so.
- You are / he is wrong.
- I think otherwise.
- I don't think that's quite right. I don't agree with you / him/ her.
- I don't agree with what you say.
- I am afraid that is not quite true.
- I take a different view.
- I don't share his / her / your view.

## Discourse Markers for use in conversation

#### Some common discourse markers

| anyway | like | right         | you know    |
|--------|------|---------------|-------------|
| fine   | now  | SO            | I mean      |
| good   | oh   | well          | as I say    |
| great  | okay | If you ask me | for a start |

#### In writing, the following discourse markers are common:

| firstly  | in addition   | moreover        | on the other hand |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| secondly | in conclusion | on the one hand | to begin with     |
| thirdly  | in sum        | furthermore     | finally           |

#### Example of use

For example: the discourse marker **"If you ask me**". Use this to give your opinion, especially when you think other people might disagree, or you can say "if you ask me" to emphasize that you are stating your personal opinion

Examples: If you ask me, too many people go to university these days.

He was nuts, if you ask me.

He's too keen, if you ask me.

If you ask me, I would say that.....

## How to talk about movies?

How was the movie?

- It was heartwarming. / It was hilarious. (romance and comedy movies)
- The special effects were breathtaking (incredible). (Sci-fi/ animated movies)
- It made my blood run cold. (scary) (horror movie)
- It gave me food for thought. (it means 'thought- provoking) (e.g. documentary movies)
- The plot was intriguing (interesting). (plot= concept, story) (e.g. thriller movies)

### Adjectives for use in describing tone of films/ lyrics

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| <ul> <li>Encouraging</li> <li>Hopeful</li> <li>Clam</li> <li>Light</li> <li>Friendly</li> <li>Cheerful</li> <li>Nostalgic</li> <li>Optimistic</li> <li>Humorous</li> <li>Funny</li> <li>Sympathetic</li> <li>Serene (calm, peaceful, and untroubled; tranquil)</li> <li>Sentimental (of or prompted by feelings of tenderness, sadness, or nostalgia)</li> <li>Tranquil</li> <li>Whimsical (playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way)</li> <li>Respectful</li> <li>Ecstatic (feeling or expressing overwhelming happiness or joyful excitement)</li> <li>Passionate</li> <li>Admiring</li> <li>Adoring</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Hostile (unfriendly)</li> <li>Indignant (feeling or showing anger or annoyance<br/>at what is perceived as unfair treatment.)</li> <li>Insolent (showing a rude and arrogant lack of<br/>respect)</li> <li>Melancholy (a feeling of pensive sadness,<br/>typically with no obvious cause)</li> <li>Apathetic (uninterested) (showing or feeling no<br/>interest, enthusiasm, or concern.</li> <li>Antagonistic (showing or feeling active<br/>opposition or hostility toward someone or<br/>something)</li> <li>Insecure</li> <li>Mournful</li> <li>Mocking</li> <li>Outraged</li> <li>Cold</li> <li>Cynical</li> <li>Pathetic</li> <li>Psychotic</li> <li>Sarcastic</li> <li>Desperate</li> <li>Fearful</li> <li>Violent</li> <li>Hopeless</li> <li>Gloomy</li> <li>Furious</li> <li>Tense</li> <li>Solemn</li> </ul> |
| Others <ul> <li>Ambiguous</li> <li>Bewilder (perplexed and confused: very)</li> </ul>   | <ul><li>Somber</li><li>Disrespectful</li></ul>  |

Pessimistic

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- Bewilder (perplexed and confused; very puzzled)
- Questioning
- Doubtful