USEFUL LANGUAGE

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS

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A pro An advantage Positive aspect Positive point Positive consequence Benefit Plus	Disadvantage Drawback Con Minus Negative effect Negative consequence Detriment
Adjective phrases	
The only advantage One of the advantages A great advantage The main advantage A very important advantage A potential advantage Another advantage A further advantage An additional advantage The greatest advantage The main advantage The most significant advantage By far the most important advantage A great advantage A major advantage	

DESCRIBING HABITS/BEHAVIOUR

Nowadays people	tend to… opt for… prefer…
Recently there's been	a shift towards… a significant change in …

EXPRESSING\EXCHANGING OPINIONS

PERSONAL POINT	GENERAL POINT	AGREEING	DISAGREEING
In my experience…	It is thought that...	Of course.	That's different.
As far as I'm concerned…	Some people say that...	You're absolutely right.	I don't agree with you.
Speaking for myself…	It is considered...	Yes, I agree.	However…
In my opinion…	It is generally accepted that...	I think so too.	That's not entirely true.
Personally, I think…		That's a good point.	On the contrary…
I'd say that…		Exactly.	I'm sorry to disagree with you, but…
I'd suggest that…		I don't think so either.	Yes, but don't you think…
I'd like to point out that…		So do I.	That's not the same thing at all.
I believe that…		I'd go along with that.	I'm afraid I have to disagree.
What I mean is…		That's true.	I'm not so sure about that.
		Neither do I.	I must take issue with you on that.
		I agree with you entirely.	It's unjustifiable to say that...
		That's just what I was thinking.	
		I couldn't agree more.	

ARGUMENTING YOUR POSITION

STATING YOUR OPINION	OUTLINING FACTS
✓ It seems to me that … ✓ I am of the opinion that …/ I take the view that .. ✓ My personal view is that …In my experience … ✓ As far as I understand / can see, … ✓ As I see it, … ✓ From what I know … ✓ I might be wrong but … ✓ If I am not mistaken … ✓ I can imagine that … ✓ That is why I think … ✓ I am sure/certain/convinced that … ✓ I have read that … ✓ I am of mixed opinions (about / on) …	• The fact is that • The (main) point is that … • This proves that … • What it comes down to is that … • It is obvious that … • It is certain that … • One can say that … • It is clear that … • There is no doubt that …

DESCRIBING CAUSE & EFFECT

PROBLEM	**CAUSE**	**EFFECT**
~ ISSUE, DIFFICULTY *to face ~* *to experience ~* *to suffer from ~* *pressing / urgent ~* *ongoing ~* *widespread/common ~*	~ REASON FOR *X is a cause of Y* *X affects/influences Y* *X brings about Y* *X causes/results in Y* *Due to X, there is Y* *X can also be a cause of Y…*	~ IMPLICATION, RESULT, EFFECT, IMPACT *X leads to Y* *X results in Y* *Another result of X is Y* *Yet another effect of X is Y*

SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS

1. The first thing to do...
2. Next we should…
3. Such is my advice because…
4. If this doesn't work...
5. By doing this ...
6. This may be a difficult measure to take, but...
7. If we don't do anything...