**Language**

**Presenting another point of view**

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| Some peopleXIn a study of Y, X | maintain(s)say(s)argue(s)assert(s)believe(s)claim(s)point(s) outis/are of the opinionseem(s) to believe | that | … |
| It is the view of XThe opinion of X isIt can be arguedIt has been suggestedIt might be said |
| According to X |

**Commenting on another point of view**

**Negatively**

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| You | is/aremay beseem(s) to bewould seem to be | somewhatrather- | mistaken.wrong.rigid.inadequate. |
|  your | approachpositionmethodsbeliefs |

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| ThisThese views | is/are | open to doubt.not always the case.not necessarily true.unlikely to be true.highly debatable.incorrect.highly speculative. |
| cannot be upheld. |

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| Serious | doubtsreservations | canmay | be raised against this. |

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| I disagree with you when you say/state that… |

However, it is clear that …

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| One of the main arguments | against | X is that | … |

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| One disadvantage ofAnother point againstA further argument againstOne other disadvantage of | X | is | … |
| One objection to this argument |

Plus negative words: wrong, mistaken, false, erroneous, misplaced, inaccurate, incorrect, debateable, untrue, not the case.

**Positively**

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| I agree with you when you say that..  |

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| You are certainly correctYou may be correct | when you | say | that … |
| in saying |

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| One advantage ofAnother point in favour ofA further argument supportingOne other advantage ofOne of the main arguments in favour of | X | is   | …   |

Plus positive words: correct, right, accurate.

**Presenting your point of view**

There are many reasons why …

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| It is | importanttruenecessaryessential | to | rememberbear in mindpoint out | that | … |

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| The first thingFirst of all, | we haveI would like | to consider | is | … |
| The first thing to be considered is |

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| It is a factThere is no doubtI believe | that | … |

The first reason why … is …

First of all, …

The second reason why … is …

Secondly, …

The most important …

In addition, …

Furthermore, …

What is more, …

Besides, …

Another reason is …

A further point is …