**Language**

**Presenting another point of view**

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| Some people X In a study of Y, X | maintain(s) say(s) argue(s) assert(s) believe(s) claim(s) point(s) out is/are of the opinion seem(s) to believe | that | … |
| It is the view of X The opinion of X is It can be argued It has been suggested It might be said | |
| According to X | | |

**Commenting on another point of view**

**Negatively**

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| You | | is/are may be seem(s) to be would seem to be | somewhat rather - | mistaken. wrong. rigid. inadequate. |
| your | approach position methods beliefs |

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| This These 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 | doubts reservations | can may | 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 of Another point against A further argument against One 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 correct You may be correct | when you | say | that … |
| in saying | |

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| One advantage of Another point in favour of A further argument supporting One other advantage of One 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 | important true necessary essential | to | remember bear in mind point out | that | … |

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| The first thing First of all, | we have I would like | to consider | is | … |
| The first thing to be considered is | | | |

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| It is a fact There is no doubt I 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 …