

## Expressions for speaking

### Attitude words and phrases

#### 1. Agreeing.

Exactly!.....*Exáctamente*  
(I agree) absolutely.....*(Estoy de acuerdo) absolutamente*  
I take your point.....*Comparto su punto de vista*  
I couldn't agree more.....*No puedo estar de acuerdo*  
So do I / Neither do I.....*También yo / Yo tampoco*  
That sounds a good idea.....*Parece una Buena idea*

#### 2. Disagreeing.

I disagree entirely.....*Estoy totalmente en desacuerdo*  
You must be joking.....*Debe estar bromeando*  
I can't accept that.....*No puedo aceptar que*  
You've missed the point completely.....*Ha perdido la idea completamente*  
Do you (really) think so?.....*¿Realmente piensa así?*  
I agree up to a point but.....*Hasta cierto punto estoy de acuerdo*  
Rubbish!.....*¡Tonterías!*  
I don't think so.....*No pienso lo mismo*

#### 2.1. Disagreeing in part.

I see your point, but... ..*Te entiendo, pero...*

You have a point there, but... ..*Estás en lo cierto / Tienes razón, pero...*

I agree to some extent, but... ..*Estoy de acuerdo hasta cierto punto, pero...*

I partly agree, but... ..*Estoy de acuerdo en parte, pero...*

#### 3. Giving your point of view.

It seems to me that.....*A mi me parece que*  
First of all I'd like to explain.....*Primero de todo me gustaría explicar*  
That's why I feel that.....*Esto es por lo que yo considero que*  
What worries me is.....*Lo que me preocupa es*  
In my opinion.....*En mi opinión*  
As far as I am concerned.....*Por lo que a mi respecta*  
I think it's absolutely (adj.) that.....*Pienso que es absolutamente*  
It's quite clear to me that.....*Está bastante claro para mi que*  
Personally I'm more interested in (whether).....*Personalmente estoy más interesado en*  
From my point of view.....*Desde mi punto de vista*

I'm a bit surprised (that)... .....Me sorprende in poco (que)  
 For me... .....Para mí...  
 I believe (that)... ..... Yo creo (que)...  
 I feel (that)... ..... Yo creo (que)...  
 I'm sure (that)... ..... Estoy seguro de (que)  
 As I see it ..... A mi modo de ver / a mi entender / en mi opinión  
 I'd say ..... Yo diría...  
 I'm afraid ..... Me temo...  
 My view is that... ..... En mi opinion...  
 If you ask me... ..... Si me preguntas...  
 If I were you... ..... Si fuera tú / si estuviera en tu lugar...

**3.1. Asking your partner about their point of view.**

What do you think of/about...? .....¿Qué piensas de/sobre...?  
 How does that sound to you? ..... ¿Qué te parece?  
 How do you feel about...? ..... ¿Qué te parece...?

**5. Interrupting**

Just a minute!.....¡Un momento!  
 Excuse me!.....¡Perdone!  
 Sorry to interrupt but.....Perdone que le interrumpa  
 Before you go on, let me.....Antes de seguir, permítame

**6. Emphasizing**

Above all.....Sobretudo  
 By all means.....Por supuesto  
 To say the least.....Por no decir más  
 Actually.....De hecho  
 Truly.....Verdaderamente  
 To put it mildly.....Por no decir algo peor  
 At all.....Del todo  
 Positively.....Verdaderamente  
 Surely.....Sin duda  
 Believe me.....Creame  
 For heaven's sake.....Por el amor de Dios  
 Really.....Realmente  
 In fact.....En realidad  
 Especially.....Especialmente

#### 4. Suggestions

What do you suggest we...? .....¿Qué sugiere que nosotros.....?  
What / How about...-ing.....? .....¿Y sobre.....?  
Wouldn't you be interested in.....? .....¿No estarías interesado en.....?  
Shall we...? .....¿Podríamos.....?  
Lest's..... Vamos.....  
Is there anything in particular.....? .....¿Hay algo en particular.....?  
Wouldn't you like to.....? .....¿No le gustaría.....?  
Wouldn't you rather.....? .....¿No preferiría.....?  
You should..... Debería  
If I were you..... Si fuera tu

Perhaps we could...? .....¿Quizás podríamos...?  
Why don't we...? ..... ¿Por qué no...?  
We could... Podríamos...  
I'd prefer to... Preferiría...  
I think we should... Pienso que deberíamos...  
It'd be better to... Sería mejor...

#### 7. Indicating a change in a conversation

Actually..... De hecho  
Incidentally..... A propósito  
Then..... Entonces  
Then..... De cualquier manera  
Anyhow.....  
Look..... Mire  
Well..... Bien  
Anyway..... De todas formas  
Now..... Ahora  
Well then..... Bien entonces  
By the way..... Por cierto  
So..... Entonces  
Well now..... Bueno ahora

#### 8. Other useful phrases

There is no point in ... -ing..... No hay indicación de que  
It's no use in...-ing..... No suele  
You can't make generalizations but..... No se pueden hacer generalizaciones pero  
It depends (on)..... Depende de  
I'm basically in favour of..... Básicamente estoy a favour de  
Generally speaking..... Generalizando  
Broadly speaking..... En líneas generales  
Roughly speaking..... Por así decirlo  
Strictly speaking..... En sentido estricto  
Fortunately / unfortunately..... Afortunadamente/Desafortunadamente  
Seriously..... Con seriedad

Undoubtedly.....Sin duda  
Presumably.....Supongo  
Confidentially.....Confidencialmente

### Gaining time. "fillers"

In case of hesitation, blank mind... the following expressions will give you time to think about what you are going to say:

Well.....Bien...  
As a matter of fact.....La verdad es que...  
Let me see.....A ver...  
Let's see.....Vamos a ver...  
You know.....Sabe...  
I mean.....Quiero decir...  
Of course.....De acuerdo...  
Sort of.....En cierto modo...  
I don't know.....No se...

#### For example:

- "Why did you do that?"
- "**Oh, well, you know, I don't know really, I mean, it just sort of** seemed a good idea".

## Expressions for describing a picture

### 1. Thinking of something else to say.

What else?..... ¿Qué más?  
So, ..... Así que, entonces  
Let me think ..... Déjame que piense  
Let me see ..... Déjame ver

### 2. Not knowing what to say.

What else?..... ¿Qué más?  
Let me think ..... Déjame que piense  
Let me see ..... Déjame ver

### 3. Starting slowly.

Well ..... Bien  
Let me think ..... Déjame que piense  
Let me see ..... Déjame ver

### 4. Getting lost.

Where was I? ..... ¿Dónde estaba?  
What was I saying? ..... ¿Qué estaba diciendo?

### 5. Forgetting a word.

What do you call it? ..... ¿Cómo se llama?  
How do you say it? ..... ¿Cómo se dice?

### 6. Not being sure about something.

I think it's..... Pienso/creo que es...  
It could be... ..... Podría ser...  
There seems to be... ..... Parece que hay...  
There appears to be... ..... Parece que hay...  
Maybe ... ..... Quizás...  
It seems as if ... ..... Parece como si...  
The lady seems to ... .....Parece que la mujer...  
It seems that the lady... .....Parece que la mujer...

# How to describe a picture

## 1. Introduction

- The photo/picture shows... ..... La imagen muestra...
- In the photo I can see... ..... En la foto veo...

## 2. What is where?

- In the foreground/background you can see... ..... En primer plano / al fondo se puede ver...
- In the foreground/background there is... ..... En primer plano / al fondo hay...
- In the middle/centre there are... ..... En medio / en el centro hay...
- At the top/At the bottom there is... ..... En la parte de arriba/abajo hay...
- On the left/right there are... ..... A la izquierda/derecha hay...
- Behind/In front of ... you can see... ..... Detrás/delante de... se puede ver...
- Between/among... there is... ..... Entre (2 cosas)/entre (más de 2 cosas)... hay...

## 3. Who is doing what?

Here you describe the persons in the picture or you say what is happening just now. Use the Present continuous.

## 4. What I think about the picture

- The atmosphere is peaceful/depressing ...
- I (don't) like the picture because ...
- It makes me think of ...

