Discussion Tool Kit

Givin	g opinions	
	I think that	Not understanding (pronunciation)
	As I see it	☐ Could you repeat that please?
	I'd just like to say that I think	☐ Sorry, could you speak more
	that	slowly?
	Wouldn't you say that?	□ Sorry, the?
	Don't you agree that?	
	It's my feeling that	
	I'm just going to say/ I just want	Asking for clarification (meaning)
	to add	☐ I didn't follow what you said
		about
		☐ Sorry, I don't see what you
		mean.
Agree	ing	
	Exactly.	
	Precisely.	
	Absolutely.	Clarifying your point
	You're right.	☐ That's not exactly what I mean
	That's just what I was thinking	☐ Let me put it another way
	That's a good point.	☐ Let me try that again
		Interrupting
Disag	reeing	☐ If I could just add
	Yes, that's true, but	□ Sorry to interrupt, but
	I'm not sure if I agree	□ ah, ah, ah (until speaker stops)
	Well, you have a point, but	\Box That reminds me
	Maybe, but don't you think	
	that	
	I see what you mean, but	
		Changing the topic
		\Box By the way
		☐ That reminds me…
Hesitating		
	well	
	let's see	
	you see	Bringing in other people
	how can I put it	□ Don't you agree, <u>John?</u>
		□ What do you think,?
		☐ <u>'s looking unsure</u>
		☐ How about you,?

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