

# Speaking Tips: Pair Discussion

## DISCUSSION CYCLE

### STUDENT A

Start the conversation

1. Agreeing/ Disagreeing
2. Moving to the next point
3. Involving partner

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### STUDENT B

1. Give opinion
2. Involving partner

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## MAKING A DECISION

1. Make a decision by suggesting one of the points
2. Involving partner

1. Agreeing/ Disagreeing
2. Involving partner

1. Agreeing/ Disagreeing
2. Suggest a different opinion
3. Involving partner

Conclude the conversation

## USEFUL PHRASES

### Getting started

- What do you think about the point, B?
- B, what's your opinion on the topic?

### Giving Opinion

- I think/ feel/ believe...
- In my opinion, ...
- From my point of view, ...
- From my perspective, ...
- It seems to me that...

### Moving to the Next Point

- Shall we move onto [point] now?
- So, what about [point]?
- What about this one? [pointing to the point]
- What do you think about this idea?
- How do you feel about that [point]?

### Ending Your Turn/ Inviting Partner to Speak

- What do you think?
- Do you agree?
- What about you?
- What about this [point]?
- Do you have anything to add to that?

### Interrupting

- Sorry to interrupt but...
- Just a second...

### Agreeing

- Right.
- Good point.
- I fully agree.
- I was just going to say that!
- That's what I was just thinking.
- I couldn't agree more.
- You're absolutely right.

### Disagreeing

- Maybe, but what about...?
- I think it would be better to...
- I'm sorry, but I don't agree.
- I see what you're trying to say, but...
- Yes, but...

### Reaching a Decision

- Well, I think it's definitely not [point].
- So then, what do you think is the best one?
- I guess you think we should choose [point]?
- Are we both in favour of [point]?
- Okay, so we agree.