

GIVING OPINIONS

B2-C1 | Functional language for expressing views

1 Useful phrase patterns

Choose a phrase that makes your opinion clear. More than one response can be correct.

As far as I'm concerned, ...

As far as I'm concerned, flexible work has clear benefits.

From my perspective, ...

From my perspective, the long-term effects matter most.

I would argue that ...

I would argue that public funding should focus on prevention.

I'm not entirely convinced that ...

I'm not entirely convinced that higher prices solve the problem.

There is a strong case for ...

There is a strong case for improving local transport.

On balance, I think ...

On balance, I think the advantages outweigh the drawbacks.

While I can see why ..., ...

While I can see why it helps, costs matter.

One point worth considering is that ...

One point worth considering is that access varies.

2 Give your opinion

Read each statement. Write your opinion. Try to use a range of phrase patterns.

1. Most employees should be allowed to work from home several days a week.

2. Social-media companies should do more to limit harmful content.

3. International tourism does more good than harm to local communities.

4. Artificial intelligence should be used more widely in education.

5. Cities should spend more on public transport than on new roads.

6. Private cars should be restricted in city centres.

7. University education should be free for all students.

8. Individuals can make a meaningful difference to climate change through everyday choices.

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3 Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable opinions are also correct.

Encourage students to use a range of phrase patterns from page 1.

1. On balance, I think employees should be able to work from home when the job allows it, although teams still need regular time together.

2. I would argue that social-media companies have a responsibility to act quickly when harmful content is shared widely.

3. While I can see why tourism brings income to a community, it can also put pressure on housing and local services.

4. From my perspective, artificial intelligence can support learning, but it should not replace thoughtful teaching or independent work.

5. There is a strong case for investing in public transport because it can reduce congestion and make cities more accessible.

6. I'm not entirely convinced that restricting cars is fair unless affordable, reliable alternatives are available.

7. As far as I'm concerned, free university education is desirable, but governments also need a realistic way to fund it.

8. One point worth considering is that individual choices matter, but large companies and governments must make major changes too.
