

PRESENTING AN OPINION FORMALLY

B2-C1 | Functional language for stating a considered view

1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to present a clear, balanced, and considered opinion.

In my view, ...

In my view, this is the best option.

From my perspective, ...

From my perspective, the risk is manageable.

I would argue that ...

I would argue that we need more evidence.

It seems to me that ...

It seems to me that demand is changing.

I am convinced that ...

I am convinced that training is essential.

On balance, ...

On balance, the benefits are greater.

I tend to think that ...

I tend to think that a trial is wiser.

My position is that ...

My position is that we should wait.

2 Respond to the situations

Write one considered opinion for each situation. Try to use a range of phrases.

1. Give your view on working from home.

2. Comment on the risk of changing a process quickly.

3. Give an opinion about using customer feedback.

4. Comment on a change in buying habits.

5. Give an opinion about staff training.

6. Weigh the benefits and drawbacks of a new system.

7. Give an opinion about testing an idea before launching it.

8. State your position on delaying a major decision.

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Possible answers

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

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

1. In my view, working from home suits some roles better than others.

2. From my perspective, changing the process quickly creates unnecessary risk.

3. I would argue that customer feedback should guide the decision.

4. It seems to me that buying habits are becoming more digital.

5. I am convinced that regular staff training is essential.

6. On balance, the new system offers more benefits than drawbacks.

7. I tend to think that a short trial is wiser than a full launch.

8. My position is that we should wait until we have more evidence.
