

# PRESENTING AN OPINION FORMALLY

B2-C1 | Conversation practice examples for stating a considered view

## Conversation: A public meeting about traffic

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| Chair    | We're considering closing the town square to cars on Saturdays. Would you support that?                |
| Resident | <b>In my view</b> , a trial would be worthwhile. The traffic makes it difficult for families to cross. |
| Chair    | Shop owners are concerned that customers won't come if they can't park outside.                        |
| Resident | <b>I would argue that</b> the nearby car park provides reasonable access, but we need clear signs.     |
| Chair    | Would a three-month trial give us enough information?                                                  |
| Resident | <b>I tend to think that</b> it would, provided we measure sales as well as visitor numbers.            |
| Chair    | So you're not asking us to make the change permanent straight away?                                    |
| Resident | No. <b>My position is that</b> we should test it and publish the results before making that decision.  |

**Key phrases:** In my view / I would argue that / I tend to think that / My position is that

## Conversation: Reviewing staff training

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| Director | The training budget has increased. Do you think the programme justifies the extra cost?                              |
| Leila    | <b>From my perspective</b> , it does. New colleagues are becoming confident much sooner.                             |
| Director | Could they learn the same things by watching experienced staff?                                                      |
| Leila    | Some things, yes. But <b>I'm convinced that</b> they also need protected time to practise without customers waiting. |
| Director | We've had fewer mistakes this quarter, although other changes may have helped.                                       |
| Leila    | That's true. <b>It seems to me that</b> we should compare teams before claiming the training caused the improvement. |
| Director | Would you keep the programme while we collect that evidence?                                                         |
| Leila    | <b>On balance</b> , yes. I'd retain it, but review the less useful sessions with staff.                              |

**Key phrases:** From my perspective / I'm convinced that / It seems to me that / On balance

## Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

**Prompt 1:** Present a considered view at a public meeting. Address an objection and propose a way to assess the idea.

**Prompt 2:** Discuss whether a workplace programme should continue. Separate your opinion from what the evidence shows.