



EXPRESSING OPINIONS & DEBATING

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1. Opinion + Reason + Example

A good opinion does more than say **what you think**.

Try this pattern:

OPINION	REASON	EXAMPLE
"I think people should exercise more."	"It helps people stay healthy."	"For example, walking for 30 minutes every day can make a difference."

Now build your own answers.

Topic 1: Working from home

Opinion: I think _____.

Reason: Because _____.

Example: For example, _____.

Topic 2: Learning English

Opinion: I think _____.

Reason: Because _____.

Example: For example, _____.

Topic 3: Social media

Opinion: I think _____.

Reason: Because _____.

Example: For example, _____.

2. One-Minute Opinion

Choose one topic.	Speak for one minute.	Useful endings
• Money • Travel • Work • Food • Technology • Free time • Education	Try to include: ☐ your opinion ☐ a reason ☐ an example ☐ another reason ☐ a conclusion	• "So, that's why I think..." • "That's the main reason I feel that way." • "Overall, I'd say..." • "So, in the end, I think..."

3. Which Reason Is Stronger?

Read the two reasons.

Statement: "People should spend less time on their phones."

Reason A: "Because phones are bad."

Reason B: "Because spending too much time on phones can reduce the time people spend talking to family and friends."

Which is stronger?

A / B

Why?

Now improve these weak reasons.

"People should exercise."

Because it is good.

Better reason: _____

"People should travel."

Because travelling is nice.

Better reason: _____

"People should cook at home."

Because food is important.

Better reason: _____

REAL ENGLISH BOX

When you need time to think, don't stop completely.

Try:

- "That's an interesting question."
- "Let me think about that."
- "I'd say..."
- "I've never really thought about it, but..."
- "If I had to choose, I'd say..."

These phrases give you a little time while you think.

Teacher Key

Section 1: Personal answers.

Section 2: Personal speaking task.

Section 3: Statement example: **B**

Improved reasons will vary. Look for a clear connection between the opinion and the reason.