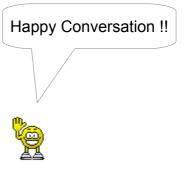
EXPRESSIONS FOR CONVERSATION AND PERSONAL COMMENTS			
	Simple Presentations		
Introduction	Good (morning, afternoon, evening) I'm happy to be here. I'm glad to have this opportunity to Today, I'd like to talk (to you) about My topic today is I'd like to share some thoughts on (topic)		
Main points	Let me start by First, let me tell you about First of all, I would like to say/state that To begin with, I		
Giving examples	For instance, Let me illustrate, To illustrate,		
Conclusion	In conclusion, To conclude, To summarize, To sum up,		
	Giving-Supporting Opinions		
Personal Point of View	In my experience As far as I'm concerned Speaking for myself Personally, I think I believe that It seems to me that First, then, lastly, that's why		
Supporting your opinions	For example, For instance, To give you an example, Let me give you an example, First, (second), etc.		
General Point of View	It is thought that Some people say that It is considered It is generally accepted that		
Agreeing with an opinion	That's trueYes, I agreeOf courseExactlyYou're absolutely rightI couldn't agree moreI think so tooI don't think so eitherThat's a good pointThat's just what I was thinking		
Disagreeing with an opinion	That's different.I don't agree with you.I don't agree with you.HoweverThat's not entirely true.That's not entirely true.On the contraryI'm not so sure about that		

	Clarifying
Clarifying your own ideas	In other words, What I mean is What I'm trying to say is What I wanted to say was To clarify,
Asking for Clarification	What do you mean (by that)? What are you trying to say? What was that again? Could you clarify that?
Clarifying another ideas	You mean Meaning? (colloquial) What you mean is What you're saying is What he's trying to say is (I think) what she means is If I understand you, (you're saying that) So, you think (that) So, your idea is
	Interrupting
Interrupting politely	Excuse me, Pardon me, I beg your pardon. / Pardon? Sorry to interrupt, May I interrupt (for a minute)? I don't mean to be rude, but Could you repeat what you've just said? But slower, please. Could you slow down a bit?
	Getting back to the topic
	Anyway, Now, where was I? Where were we? What were you saying? You were saying To get back to
	Understanding
Checking for Understanding	(Do you) know what I mean? Do you know what I'm saying? Do you understand? Are you following me? Are you with me (so far)? Have you got it? Any questions? Got it?
Showing Understanding	I see. I understand. I get it./I got it. Gotcha. (Informal)
Expressing	I don't get it.

Lack of Understanding	(I'm sorry.) I don't understand. I don't know for certain. I'm not following you. I'm not sure I get what you mean. What was that again?	I don't know exactly. What do you mean?
	Making a Point	
Conceding to Make a Point	That may be true, but I may be wrong, but You might be right, but You have a good point, but You could say that, but Correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't mean to be negative, but	
	Asking – Responding for input (a	portación, contribución)
Asking for input	What do you think? How about you? How do you feel about that? Any ideas on that? Any suggestion?	
Responding	That sounds like a good idea. Sounds good. The problem with that is	
Contrasting	On the other hand, However, Yes, but You may be right, but I may be wrong, but Correct me if I'm wrong, but	

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