

THE LANGUAGE OF DEBATING

Starting

It is our opinion that.....

It is our belief that.....

In our opinion, we feel that....

Our position on _____ is.....

From our view, we feel that.....



Clarifying

Our point is.....

Firstly, I'd like to state.....

Secondly.....

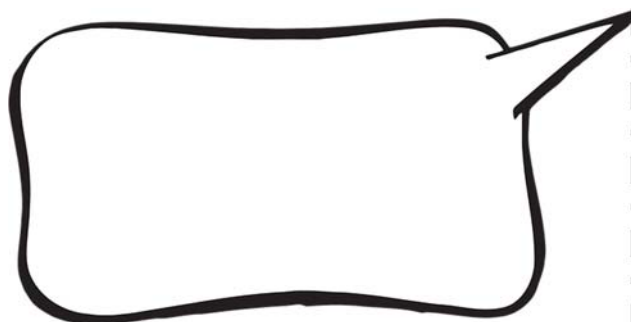
To begin with.....

More over.....

To clarify.....

The main point I want to raise is.....

For these reasons, I ask you.....



To Oppose or Counter

The opposition states that _____ however.....

Our opponents claim that _____ but....

We can't agree on _____ because.....

We pointed out that _____, therefore.....

That may be interesting, but.....

That's a good point but the reality is.....

I may agree if _____ but.....

