**C1 Advanced - Speaking Phrases**

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| **Likes/dislikes**  I’m into…  I’m a keen/avid (surfer)  I’m keen on/fond of (surfing)  I (go surfing) to unwind, to escape the stresses and strains of my day to day life.  I like nothing more than (to go surfing)  I’m itching to try/go…. (I really want to) | **Opinion**  I’m of the mind that…  As far as I’m concerned,…  As I see it, …  From my point of view, …  Look, here’s what I think…  If you ask me,…  I hold the view that… |
| **Comparing/contrasting**  Both pictures show…  In this picture they look as though they are…. Whereas/while in this picture…  In contrast  On the other hand | **Describing pictures**  The first thing that strikes me about this picture is…  The thing that really jumps out of this picture is…  In this picture it looks as if/though they are…  They could/might/may be…  They could/might/may have just…  I’m pretty sure that they’re feeling…  I’d guess that they are… |
| **Agreeing**  Totally/Absolutely/Exactly  I think we’re on the same page here.  I’m with you on that one.  I was just going to say that.  Yeah, I’d go along with that.  I couldn’t agree more.  You have a point there.  I’m with you 100% on this one. | **Disagreeing**  I see what you mean but…  I take your point but…  I beg to differ I’m afraid.  I’m afraid I have to disagree with you there.  That’s not exactly how I see it.  No, you’ve lost me there.  I’m afraid I just don’t buy it. |
| **Starting to make a conclusion**  Let’s get down to the nitty gritty.  The bottom line is we have to choose one…  It’s a tough one, I’m torn between … and ….  Shall we go with ….? | **Asking for opinion**  What’s your take on….?  Where do you stand on….?  In my opinion…., would you go along with that?  What are your thoughts on this? |
| **Personalising**  Speaking from personal experience,…  For me personally,..  This is a topic that is particularly close to my heart…  It’s funny I was just thinking about this the other day.  My gut/initial reaction is…  If I were to choose one of these situations (part 2 pictures), I’d go with… because… | **Impressive structures**  Another point I’d like to add about … is…  It’s also worth bearing in mind that…  Coming back to what (Javi) was saying about …. I’d also like to point out that…  I think it’s important not to forget that…  The vast majority of people tend to think that…  At the end of the day…  When all’s said and done… |
| **Tips**  Eye-contact  Active listening  Open body language  Speak up  Don’t dominate | **Asking for repetition**  I beg your pardon, I didn’t catch that.  Sorry would you mind repeating that?  Could you repeat the question please? |