**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 contrastOn 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/ExactlyI 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-contactActive listeningOpen body languageSpeak upDon’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? |