

## **Brainstorming useful phrases for C2 Proficiency Speaking Part 2**

*Write phrases for presenting and discussing in Speaking Part 2 in the categories below, then compare as a class or with the suggested answers.*

**Getting started (without any silence)**

**Speculating**

**Linking the photos to yourself**

**Inviting your partner to comment/ Allowing your partner to speak**

**Interrupting**

**Making sure you are talking about the right things**

**Agreeing strongly**

**Agreeing weakly**

**Disagreeing softly/ politely**

**Disagreeing strongly**

**Moving through the task/ Not getting stuck on one thing**

**Getting back to the (main) topic/ Getting back on track**

**Answering the last question/ Choosing**

**Summarising/ Checking agreement**

### **Suggested answers**

*Many other phrases are possible, so please check if you wrote something different.*

#### **Getting started (without any silence)**

Shall we start with this one?/ Let's start with this one, shall we?

How about talking about this one first?

#### **Speculating**

It's clearly/ obviously... (or something like that).

It appears/ seems to be... (or something of that sort)

I guess it is some kind of/ some sort of...(but it could also possibly be...)

(Looking at this part of the photo,) I think we can (safely) assume that...

It's almost certainly...

I'm pretty sure it's...

I guess/ suppose/ reckon...

I get the impression that...

It looks like...

#### **Linking the photos to yourself**

This reminds me of...

I associate this with...

This makes me feel...

#### **Inviting your partner to comment/ Allowing your partner to speak**

What do you think?/ What do you reckon?

...Or not?

..., right?

Would you agree?

Did you want to say something (about this)?

Do you want to talk about the next one (first)?

That's okay, you go first./ Please go ahead.

NOT How do you think? X

#### **Interrupting**

Sorry to interrupt, but...

Sorry, before you go on...

#### **Making sure you are talking about the right things**

Actually, I think we are supposed to talk about...

I don't think we (necessarily) need to talk about...

(As I understand it) we only need to think about...

#### **Agreeing strongly**

That's (exactly/ just) what I think.

I can't argue with that.

Absolutely./ You are absolutely right.

That's just what I was going to say./ You took the words right out of my mouth.

I couldn't agree with you more.

No kidding!

### **Agreeing weakly**

You could be right.

Sure, why not?

I feel basically/ more or less the same way.

### **Disagreeing softly/ politely**

I see why you would say that, but in my (personal) opinion...

That's possible, but I'd be inclined to say that...

I see what you mean, but I don't feel (quite) the same way.

I don't really think so.

### **Disagreeing strongly**

I really don't think so.

Do you really think so?

### **Moving through the task/ Not getting stuck on one thing**

(I can't add anything to that,) so next we have to...

(Well, we seem to be in agreement about...,) so the next thing is...

(Okay, you've convinced me/ changed my mind/ persuaded me,) so let's turn to...

(We seem to agree on that.) So, the other thing we were supposed to talk about is...

(It looks like we can't agree on that,) so shall we have a look at...?

(I think we're running out of time,) so shall we move onto talking about ...?

(So, that one's done.) Which (one/ option) shall we discuss next?

(Great. Next!) How about this one?

(I guess we don't have much time left and) we still need to discuss...

### **Getting back to the (main) topic/ Getting back on track**

Anyway, getting back to the photos,...

Good point, but to get back to what I was saying...

Where were we? Oh yes,...

### **Answering the last question/ Choosing**

My (top) choice would be...

If I had to select one, it would probably be...

I think the... est (by far) is...

When it comes to..., the best choice is (definitely)...

For this purpose, I think we have to select...

I (definitely) would(n't) choose...

I think we can ignore/ eliminate...

(From what you said earlier,) I guess you would (probably) choose...

### **Summarising/ Checking agreement**

So, we've decided that...

Right, (I think) that means we've agreed on...