Enrichir sa prise de parole

Get started
- To begin with, I'd like to point out that...
- First of all / Firstly / To start with...
- First of all, I would like to say that...
- It cannot be denied that...

How to check somebody has understood you
- Did you get my point?
- Do you see what I mean?
- Does it make sense?

When something is not quite clear
- I'm sorry, I didn't hear / catch (informal) what you said.
- Would you mind repeating what you said?
- Could you repeat, please?
- Are you saying that...?
- May I interrupt you? What do you mean by...?
- Excuse me, did you say that...?

How to express your opinion
- Expressing certainty
  - Actually...
  - Clearly / Surely...
  - Well, there is no doubt that...
- Expressing fair probability
  - It seems to me that...
  - As far as I know...
  - I suppose...
- Strong opinion
  - In my opinion / In my view / To my mind...
  - I can't help thinking that...
  - As far as I am concerned, I think that...
  - I strongly believe...
  - I definitely think...

How to half agree
- Yes, I suppose so, however...
- That's worth thinking about...
- Yes, sure, but...
- Do you really think so?
- Yes, up to a certain point.
- I've got mixed feelings about that.
- Well, in a way, but...
- I only agree up to a point really...
- Well, it depends.
- Yes, in a way...

How to agree strongly
- That's absolutely true!
- That's a good point.
- How true!
- Exactly!
- Sure!
- I couldn't agree more.
- That's exactly what I think.
- That's just how I see it myself.
- That's right!

How to disagree politely
- Do you really believe...?
- Well, I'm not so sure about that.
- Well, I don't think so.
- Well, the way I see it...
- Don't you think that...?
- Well, I think it depends (on)...
- I wonder whether that's the case / that's right.
- Well, if you ask me...
- It may be true, but...

How to disagree strongly
- You can't be serious about that!
- I don't see it that way myself.
- No, you're wrong!
- You must be joking / kidding! (informal)
- What a load of rubbish! (informal)
- I disagree entirely on that point.
- I'm afraid I can't agree with that.
- You can't actually mean that.
- Just the opposite!
- Rubbish! / Nonsense! (informal)

How to counter an argument
- Unlike you / the author, I think...
- Even though he / they (+ verb) / Although he / they (+ verb)...
- However...
- Yes, but I remember that...
- That may be true but...
- After all...
- Do you think...?
- Why should...?
- Contrary to you, I think...
- On the contrary, I believe...
- Despite + (noun)... / In spite of + (noun)...

Moving on or changing subjects
- All right, go ahead...
- Let me finish...
- By the way, ...
- Before I forget, ...
- I nearly forgot...

How to give yourself time to think *(gap fillers)*
- I mean...
- Actually, what I mean is...
- Well, how could I say that...
- I'll tell you what! (informal)
- Well, you see / you know...
- As a matter of fact, ...
- Um... / Well...
- So...
- It's obvious that...
- What I'm trying to say is that...
- Anyway, ...
- Hang on, ... (informal)
- Mind you, ... (informal)

How to show different aspects of a question
- Generally, ...
- At first sight, ...
- On the one hand, ..., on the other hand, ...
- On second thoughts, ...

How to give an example
- For example, ...
- Take... for instance, ...
- For instance, ...
- That is to say, ...

How to add something
- What's more, ...
- On top of that, ...
- By the way, ...
- I'd like to add that...
- Besides, ...
- In addition, ...
- I'd also like to say that...
- I'd like to make another point.

How to conclude
- In conclusion, ...
- All in all, ...
- Lastly, ...
- In that case, ...
- In short, ...
- To sum up, ...
- Finally, ...
- And so, ... (informal)