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These phrases will help you sound more natural, confident, and fluent in everyday English conversations. Rather than translating word-for-word from your native language, using these set phrases signals to native speakers that you know how English actually works in real situations.

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In my opinion...	used to introduce your personal view
Personally, I think...	softer, more conversational way to give a view
If you ask me...	informal way to share your opinion
The way I see it...	sharing your perspective conversationally
I'd say that...	hedged, polite way to give an opinion
As far as I'm concerned...	assertive, making your position clear
Absolutely.	strong, enthusiastic agreement
Exactly.	confirming someone is completely right
I couldn't agree more.	expressing total agreement
That's a good point.	acknowledging someone's idea positively
You're right about that.	agreeing with a specific thing someone said
Fair enough.	accepting someone's reasoning even if you disagree slightly

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I see your point, but...	politely introducing a disagreement
I'm not sure I agree.	soft, non-confrontational disagreement
That's one way to look at it, but...	acknowledging their view before disagreeing
With all due respect...	formal way to politely challenge someone
I take your point, however...	formal disagreement while showing respect
Actually, I think you'll find that...	gently correcting someone
Sorry, could you repeat that?	asking someone to say something again
What exactly do you mean by...?	asking for a more specific explanation
Could you elaborate on that?	asking someone to give more detail
Just to clarify...	checking your understanding before continuing
If I understand you correctly...	confirming what someone said before responding
Are you saying that...?	checking your interpretation of what was said
That's a good question.	buying a moment to think while sounding engaged
Let me think about that for a moment.	naturally pausing to consider before answering
Well, it depends...	opening a nuanced answer while gathering thoughts
How can I put this...	pausing to find the right words
Off the top of my head...	signaling you are giving an immediate, unrehearsed answer

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That's something I'd need to think about.	honestly deferring without sounding unprepared
The thing is...	introducing the most important point
What really matters here is...	directing attention to the key issue
I cannot stress this enough.	strongly emphasizing something important
Above all...	highlighting the most critical point
The bottom line is...	cutting to the most essential point
Make no mistake...	asserting something with full confidence
On a different note...	smoothly transitioning to a new topic
That reminds me...	natural, conversational topic shift
Speaking of which...	connecting to a related but different topic
Anyway, moving on...	redirecting a conversation that has gone on too long
Getting back to what I was saying...	returning to an earlier point after a digression
I know what you mean.	showing empathy and shared experience
That makes sense.	confirming you have understood something
I can see where you're coming from.	showing you understand someone's perspective
Tell me about it.	expressing that you strongly relate to what was said
I hear you.	acknowledging someone's feelings or frustration

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That's understandable.

validating someone's reaction or feeling

I totally get it.

strong informal expression of understanding

Before I forget...

introducing something important before moving on