

## Making a Point

Humans are made to both think and discuss, and it's important to know how to give your opinions and make points. This is a highly valued skill that is useful not only in general discussion but also in the workplace and at school.

In this article, you'll be introduced to both ways of asking for people's opinions as well as for giving your own. Let's get started and get ready to debate!

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## Asking for Somebody's Opinion

In this table we've collected several phrases for you that can be used to ask for someone else's opinion on something.

What do you think?

What are your thoughts on the educational reforms?

How do you see things?

Do you see what I'm getting at?

Do you know what I mean?

What is your opinion on climate change?

What is your stance on this?

What do you think about this argument?

Do you agree with me?

Don't you think that it's important to take care of the environment?

### **What do you think?**

This is the easiest and most common way to ask for somebody's opinion. When you ask this question, you are expecting them to make a point and defend it. Depending on what you are talking about, you may get many different responses. An example response is I don't think the government is doing the right thing.

### **What are your thoughts on the educational reforms?**

A common way to ask for someone's opinion about a specific topic is the sentence pattern What are your thoughts on + TOPIC?. This can be a good way to start a conversation about something. Someone could respond to this in many different ways, for example like this I'm not sure yet because I don't know all the facts.

### **What is your opinion on climate change?**

By using the sentence pattern What is your opinion on + TOPIC?, you can find out what somebody thinks about a certain topic. This can be a great way to start a conversation. Depending on what you are talking about, someone could respond in many different ways. Here is one example response In my opinion, we should all be doing more for the environment.

### **What do you think about this argument?**

The sentence pattern What do you think about + TOPIC? is very similar to the pattern What are your thoughts on + TOPIC?. Both can be used to ask for someone's opinion on a specific topic. There are many different ways to respond to these patterns, depending on what you are talking about. For example, someone might respond to our example sentence with I think the argument is a bit weak.

## **Giving Your Own Opinion**

The phrases gathered in the table below are useful for making your own points and arguments. Use them as inspiration for giving your own opinions.

I think that we need to pay more attention to how we treat animals.

I believe that too many people are addicted to using their phones.

In my opinion, our society needs to value education more.

The main idea here is that we all need to be more conscious of how we treat the environment.

The point is we have to stop wasting water.

What I want to say is that fiction is better than non-fiction.

I want to emphasize that I have also experienced that.

I agree that it's important, but I think we should focus on something else instead.

I don't agree with you on this.

I tend to think that too much money is wasted on repairing the roads.

I think we can all agree on this.

### **I think that we need to pay more attention to how we treat animals**

The most common way to give your opinion on something is the sentence pattern I think that + OPINION. This can be used in any context where you are asked for your own opinion. There are lots of ways someone could respond to your opinion. For example, like this I think you're right.

### **I believe that too many people are addicted to using their phones**

When someone asks for your opinion on a topic, you can give it by using the sentence pattern I believe that + OPINION. By using this pattern, you make your opinion sound very strong. In comparison, the sentence pattern I think that + OPINION is much more neutral sounding. There are many ways someone might respond when you give your opinion on something. It really depends on the topic and the person you are talking to. A possible response to our example sentence is Yes, you may be right on that.

### **In my opinion, our society needs to value education more**

One way to give your opinion on something is the sentence pattern In my opinion, + OPINION. You can use this in any context, but it will make you sound a bit more formal. Depending on what you are talking about, someone might respond to a sentence using this pattern in various ways. For example, a possible response to our sentence is Yes, children are the future of the world.

### **The point is we have to stop wasting water**

The sentence pattern The point is + OPINION can be used to clarify or emphasize an opinion. This can be useful when arguing or debating a topic with somebody. There are lots of ways someone could respond. It really depends on the topic of conversation, the person you are talking to, and their opinions. One way someone might respond to our example sentence is Yes, I believe that would help.

### **I want to emphasize that I have also experienced that**

To stress or emphasize an argument or opinion, use the sentence pattern I want to emphasize that + OPINION. This is most often used in formal contexts when debating a specific topic. There are lots of ways to respond to sentences using this pattern. It really depends on the other person. One way someone might respond to our example sentence is Can you tell more about your experience?.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are the most essential English phrases that I need to know in order to make a point?**

What do you think?

What are your thoughts on the educational reforms?

What is your opinion on climate change?

What do you think about this argument?

I think that we need to pay more attention to how we treat animals.

In my opinion, our society needs to value education more.

I want to emphasize that I have also experienced that.

I don't agree with you on this.

**How do I ask for somebody's opinion?**

Here are a few ways you can ask for someone's opinion on something:

What are your thoughts on + TOPIC?

What are your thoughts on the educational reforms?

What are your thoughts on fossil fuels?

What are your thoughts on the election?

What is your opinion on + TOPIC?

What is your opinion on climate change?

What is your opinion on space travel?

What is your opinion on the candidate?

What do you think about + TOPIC?

What do you think about this argument?

What do you think about electric cars?

What do you think about Fridays for Future?

**How do I form an argument or point?**

There are a couple of ways you can form an argument or point, including:

I think that + OPINION.

I think that we need to pay more attention to how we treat animals.

I think that we should invest more in schools.

I think that we should work towards peace.

I believe that + OPINION.

I believe that too many people are addicted to using their phones.

I believe that people need to be more open about mental illness.

I believe that we should be investing more in future generations.

In my opinion, + OPINION.

In my opinion, our society needs to value education more.

In my opinion, everyone needs to do more for the environment.

In my opinion, fiction is better than nonfiction.

The point is + OPINION.

The point is we have to stop wasting water.

The point is we need to defend the rainforest.

The point is we need better recycling systems.

I want to emphasize that + OPINION.

I want to emphasize that I have also experienced that.

I want to emphasize that we should always work for peace.

I want to emphasize that we do care about the current situation.

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