



Language Functions

Asking for opinions

- What about...?
- How do you feel about ...?
- What do you think of ...?
- How would you feel about...?

Giving Opinions

- In my opinion...
- As I see it...
- Personally I think...
- As far as I am concerned...

<u>Agreeing with an opinion</u>	<u>Disagreeing with an opinion</u>
Of course.	You can't be serious!
Exactly!	You must be joking!
Absolutely!	I wouldn't say that!
That's right.	I don't agree.
I quite agree.	I disagree.

Giving orders

- Could you ..., please?
- You must ...!
- Do it!
- I want you to ...!

Requesting

- Can I...?
- Could you...?
- Would you like to...?
- Would you be so kind as to ...?
- Would you mind ...?

<u>Agreeing to a request</u>	<u>Refusing a request</u>
Sure.	I'm afraid I can't.
Of course.	Sorry, but ...
Yes, of course.	I'm sorry, but...
Certainly.	

Asking permission

Can I...?
 May I ...?
 Do you mind if ...?
 Would you mind if ...?

<u>Giving permission</u> Of course you can. Of course you may. Certainly.	<u>Refusing permission</u> No, you can't. No, you may not. I'm afraid you can't.
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Giving instructions

Go ..., then ..., take... and then...
 Do..., then ...
 First, ..., then... and finally...

Asking for a suggestion

What do you suggest?
 What would you suggest?
 What shall we...?

Making a suggestion

What about...?
 How about...?
 Shall you ...?
 Why don't you...?
 Don't you think you could ...?

<u>Agreeing with a suggestion</u> Good idea! Great idea! I'm all for that! Yes, let's ...! Yes, why not?	<u>Disagreeing with a suggestion</u> I don't feel like ... I don't really want to ... I'm sorry.... Let's ... instead. That would be nice, but...
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Asking for advice

What would you ... if you were me?
 I'd like to ask you for your advice.
 What shall I ...?



Giving advice

Why don't you ...?
You should ...
If I were you, I would ...
If you want to take my advice...
The best for you to do is ...

Persuading

You really should ...
You really must ...
You had better...

Warning

Don't ...!
Beware of...!

Insisting

I insist on...
I am sorry to insist, but...

Offering food

Will you ...?
Won't you have ...?
Shall I bring you ...?

Offering help

May I help you?
Can I help you?
Allow me to help you.
Would you like me to...
Shall I...?
Let me help you.

Accepting and refusing an offer

Yes, please. Thank you very much.
That's very kind of you.
No, thank you.
By all means. / By no means!

Inviting

Would you like to...?
Do you want to...?
Shall we...?



<p><u>Accepting an invitation</u> Yes, fine. Thank you. I'd love to. I'd be delighted. Yes, that would be lovely.</p>	<p><u>Refusing an invitation</u> That's very kind of you, but... I'd love to, but ... I'm afraid I can't.</p>
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Thanking

Thank you very much.
Thank you.
That's very kind of you.

Thanks.

Answering

All right.
Not at all.
You are welcome.

<p><u>Intending to do something</u> I'm going to... I may... I'm thinking of... I intend to...</p>	<p><u>Refusing to do something</u> I'm not going to... I won't... It's out of the question.</p>
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Asking about likes

Do you like...?
How do you like...?
What would you think of...?
What would you say to...?

<p><u>Expressing likes and interests</u> I really like... I enjoy... I love... I'm very fond of... I'm very keen on... I'm very interested on...</p>	<p><u>Expressing dislikes</u> I don't like... I hate... I can't stand... I'm fed up with... ... is terrible!</p>
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Asking about preferences

Which one would you prefer?

Would you rather ... or...?

Which would you like?

<u>Expressing preferences</u>	<u>Expressing no preference</u>
I like ... better than...	I don't care.
I'd rather ... than...	I don't mind.
I prefer... to...	It doesn't really matter to me.
I'm more interested in ... than in...	

Regretting

What a pity!

I am so sorry!

Unfortunately!

Making complaints

My patience is over.

I'm rather upset about...

I'd like to make a complaint.

I'd like to complain about...

Making predictions

I expect...

It is probably going to ...

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Expressing certainty and uncertainty

Certain I am sure...

Almost certain I believe...

Possible You might...

Unlikely It's improbable...

Impossible You won't...

Not knowing I have no idea!

Interrupting

Excuse me, but...

Sorry to interrupt, but...

May I just say something?

I'd like to add something if I may.



Explaining and justifying

On the one hand... but on the other hand...
Considering that... it is important to say...
We must say...

Asking for clarification

What do you mean by...?
What are you trying to say?
I'm sorry, but I don't see what you mean.
Could you explain that to me, please?

Clarifying

What I mean is...
I'm trying to say ...
Well, the point is...
Very well, ...

Approving and disapproving

I'm all for that!	I'm against...
I'm glad!	I don't approve of...
I quite approve of it.	I disapprove of...

Apologizing and accepting apologies

I beg your pardon!	Don't worry!
Excuse me.	Not a problem!
I'm sorry!	It doesn't matter!
I apologize.	

Showing surprise

Really?!
What a surprise!

Showing annoyance

Oh dear!
What a nuisance!