

Informal Debating Phrases

Match the categories to the phrases and see if you can add any more examples.

1. PRESENTING ARGUMENTS	<i>a) I don't think so! / Nonsense! / That's ridiculous! / I'm sorry but you're wrong!</i>
2. ASKING QUESTIONS	<i>b) I definitely think that... / I strongly believe... / I'm sure that... / I have no doubt that...</i>
3. EXPRESSING STRONG OPINIONS	<i>c) Firstly... / To start with..., The main thing is... / The most important thing is...</i>
4. PARTIALLY AGREEING	<i>d) What do you think about...? / What is your opinion on...? / Do you agree that...?</i>
5. DISAGREEING	<i>e) Sorry but... / May I say something? / May I ask a question? / I would like to say something about...</i>
6. POLITELY INTERRUPTING	<i>f) You have a point but... / I suppose so but... / I agree up to a point but... / You could be right but...</i>