CAE Speaking Phrases

What’s the function?

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| **Su…………………..**  I feel passionate about….  I absolutely detest….  I’m totally in favour of….(+ing)  I support….(+ing) | **O……………**  As far as I’m concerned,  As I see it,  From my point of view,  In my humble opinion,  I’d say that… |
| **C…………..ring/c……………..ting**  Both symbol/images show…  This symbol would make us seem…. whereas/while this symbol would…..  In contrast………….  On the other hand,………………..~ | **Describing im……….. or sym…………..**  The first thing that strikes me about this image is  This symbol it looks as if/though we are…  It could/might/may be seen as being….  I’m pretty sure that this shows…  I’d guess that the public would react… |
| **A……………………..**  We see eye to eye on this.  Yeah, I’d go along with that.  Absolutely!  You took the words right out of my mouth.  I couldn’t agree more.  That would work.  You have a point there.  I’m with you 100% on this one. | **D…………………………..**  We don’t see eye to eye on this.  I take your point but…  I tend to disagree with you there.  That’s not always the case  I beg to differ  I’m afraid I disagree  With the greatest of respect, I disagree |
| **Starting to make a f……l dec……………..**  Let’s get down to the nitty gritty.  The bottom line is we have to choose one…  It’s a tough one, I’m torn between … and ….  Shall we go with ….? | **A…………… for opinion**  What’s your take on….?  Where do you stand on….?  In my opinion…., would you go along with that?  What are your thoughts on this? |
| **P………………sing**  Speaking from personal experience,…  For me personally,..  This is a topic that is particularly close to my heart…  It’s funny I was just thinking about this the other day.  My gut/initial reaction is…  If I were to choose one of these symbols, I’d go with… because… | **Impr…………………… structures**  Another point I’d like to add about … is…  It’s also worth bearing in mind that…  Coming back to what (Javi) was saying about …. I’d also like to point out that…  I think it’s important not to forget that…  The vast majority of people tend to think that…  At the end of the day…  When all’s said and done… |
| **Tips**  Eye-contact  Active listening  Open body language  Speak up  Don’t dominate | **Asking for r…………………..**  I beg your pardon, I didn’t catch that.  Sorry would you mind repeating that?  Could you repeat the question please? |