

USEFUL EXPRESIONS FOR SPEAKING FCE

Starting comparison

In the first / second picture there's a...
The first / second picture shows a ...

shall we start with this picture
Let's talk about
Do you mind if I start
Shall I start

Similarities

Both pictures show ...
The second pictures also shows ...
Similarly, the second pictures shows ...

To change the picture

Let's move on to

Differences

In the first picture, ... whereas / while / but
/ however in the second picture ...
The main difference is that the one on the
top seems to be ...
... while the bottom one ...
but then again...

Comparison

Although something is wonderful, the
atmosphere isn't as friendly as something
else.
In the first picture show something,
whereas the second picture show
something else
One advantage / disadvantage is
There are many similarities...
Both pictures are quite similar in that they
show
Another important difference is

Speculating

It could be ...
It can't be...
It might be ...
It must be...
The girl looks enthusiastic....
He looks like a...
It / they / he / she looks as if

Asking an opinion

What do you think of...
What do you reckon of...
How about...
What about...
Would you agree whit this...
What do you think about...
What's your opinion...
What are you feelings about...
What are your views on...
Why don't we...?
Perhaps we should
Let's decide about..., shall we?

Giving a personal opinion

Personally ...
In my opinion ...
I think ...

To start the conversation

What shall we do first?
So, let's decide which one
Perhaps we should put ... first? What do you think?
What do you think should go next?
Are you happy with this order then?
Do you go along with that?

Giving an opinion

I think
I reckon
I don't really think...
Basically what you are saying is...
I think we should...
I find it really
This picture reminds me of whereas the other one
A strong point in favour of ... is that
I am inclined to believe that
I am convinced that
To my way of thinking

Agreeing

Yeah I see your point
I totally agree
I see what you mean
No, I see what you mean
I suppose you're right
That's exactly my view
That's just what I was thinking
I couldn't agree more
That's true
That sounds like a good idea

Disagreeing

Yeah I know what you mean, but

I'm afraid I don't agree with you
I don't entirely agree
I'm not sure about that
I think we are not on the same wavelength for this point
I understand your point of view, but I'm in two minds about it.
That's true in a way, I suppose, but I don't feel convinced
That's one way of looking at it. On the other hand

Interruption

Can I say something in it
Can I interrupt

Asking to clarify

I'm sorry?
I'm afraid I didn't catch that
Could you repeat that please
Pardon?
Would you mind repeating that?
Can I ask a question?

Giving yourself time to think

Let me see
Can I think about that for a moment?
How can I put this?

Saying something in another way

What I mean is...
To put it another way
In other words
What I'm trying to say is...