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Personally I think,...

As far as I am concerned,...

As for me,...

As far as I can see,...

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I entirely/quite agree with you.

I agree to (with) her plan.

I differ from/with you entirely.

I disagree with you: I am sure you're mistaken.

I stick to my opinion.

Let's agree to differ!

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On the contrary! quite the contrary! just the opposite!

That is the very opposite of what I said.

I maintain the contrary.

In contrast to what you said, I maintain that.....

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Of course!

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I contend/maintain that...

It's my conviction that...

7. When you want to "ask a question":

May I interrupt you?

There arises the question/point whether/if

This question raises the whole issue.

8. When you "haven't understood":

I beg your pardon. / Pardon?

Could you repeat what you've just said? But slower, please./

Could you slow down a bit?

9. If you should want to "correct a mistake":

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