

SPEAKING: WITH A PARTNER

DECIDING ON AN ORDER

- * So, first of all we need to ...
- * What next?
- * What about the ...?
- * Don't we have to ...?
- * We also need to ...
- * So, we've decided to ...

ASKING FOR OPINIONS

- * What do you think about / of ... ?
- * How do you feel about ...?
- * What's your opinion of ...?
- * I think it is / it isn't ...
- * And you?
- * What about you?
- * Do you agree?
- * Why do you think that?
- * What makes you think that?

REACTING TO YOUR PARTNER'S IDEAS

- * I agree with you.
- * I'd agree with that.
- * I think you're right.
- * I think that's a great idea.
- * I'm not (so) sure about that ...
- * I totally disagree with you.
- * Really?
- * Me too. / Me neither.
- * I'm the same / different.
- * That's interesting / true.
- * That doesn't make much sense.
- * That's crazy!

BEING POLITE

- * I understand your point of view, but have you thought of ...?
- * You are right about that, but what about ...?
- * I don't entirely agree with you on that point.
- * You might be right, but have you considered ...?

INVITATIONS AND PREFERENCES

- * Would you like to ...?
- * Do you want to ...?
- * How about ...?
- * I'd like / prefer (to) ...
- * I'd rather ...
- * We'll see.

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

- * Have you got any plans for ...?
- * I was thinking of ...
- * What are you thinking of ...?
- * What about ...?
- * Sound OK / good / great!
- * Great idea!

EXPRESSING PREFERENCES

- * I'd prefer to...
- * I'd rather (not) ...
- * I'd like to ...
- * I would rather ... than ...
- * I find it really ...

ASKING FOR ADVICE

- * Should I ...?
- * Shall I ...?
- * What would you do if ...?
- * What if ...?

GIVING SUGGESTIONS AND ADVICE

- * How / What about (+ ing) ...?
- * We / you could ...
- * Shall we ...?
- * Let's ...
- * Have you tried ...?
- * Why don't we / you ...?
- * If I were you, I'd ...
- * Couldn't you ...?

MAKING REQUESTS

- * Do you mind if ...?
- * Could / Can I / you ...?

TALKING ABOUT THE PAST

- * Have you ever ...?
- * What did you think of ...?
- * I had a good / bad time ...

POSSIBILITY AND CERTAINTY: SHORT ANSWERS

- * It depends.
- * Yes, probably / maybe.
- * I (don't) think so.
- * I wouldn't like to say.
- * Maybe I do / have / would.

- * Absolutely!
- * I doubt it.
- * Yes, certainly / definitely.
- * No way!