

Giving Opinions and Reasons in English



- Express opinions clearly with strong, logical reasons



- Essential for conversations, meetings, and writing



- Master the pattern: opinion + reason + support



- Learn to sound fluent, confident, and persuasive



- Build skills for discussions and workplace decisions



Why Opinion Skills Matter



PASSIVE LISTENER



ACTIVE CONTRIBUTOR



- Central to discussions, workplace decisions, and IELTS exams



- An opinion without a reason sounds weak or unsupported



- Strong skills move you from passive listener to active contributor



- Clear reasoning makes you sound fluent, confident, and persuasive

Facts vs. Opinions



- Facts are checkable; opinions are personal views or beliefs



- Strong opinions are clear, logical, and well-supported



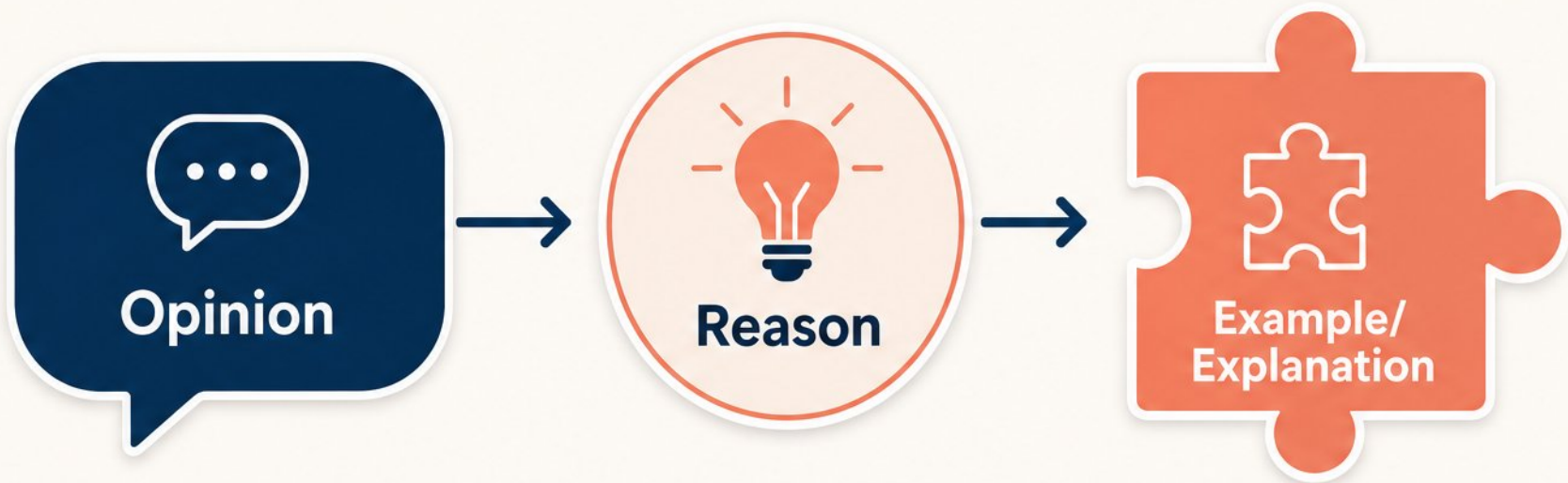
- Avoid stating opinions as absolute facts



- Use 'I think' or 'In my view' to signal a perspective



The Opinion–Reason Framework



- Three-step pattern: opinion, reason, support
- Works in both speaking and writing
- Answer: What do you think? Why? What supports it?
- Avoid weak support like "just because"

Everyday Phrases for Giving Opinions

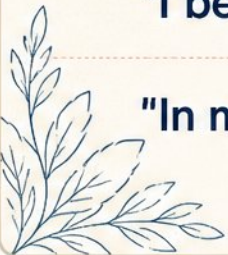


Neutral

"I think"

"I believe"

"In my opinion"

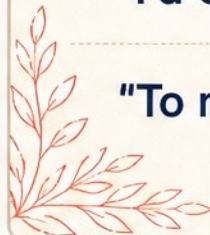


Informal

"If you ask me"

"I'd say"

"To me"



Formal

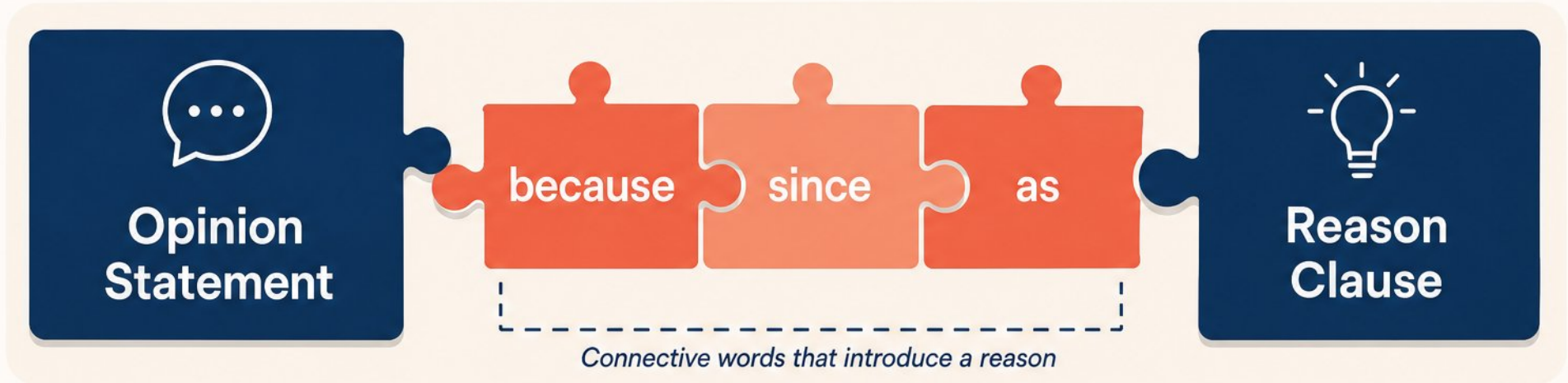
"In my view"

"I would argue that"



- Choose the level to match the situation

Language for Giving Reasons



- ✓ Use *because, since, as* before a reason
- ✓ *Because of, due to* before nouns
- ✓ Add reasons: *one reason is, another reason is*
- ✓ Introduce examples with *for example*
- ✓ Avoid errors: *don't use 'because' alone*



Strengthening Your Support



- Add examples, evidence, or personal experience to make reasons convincing



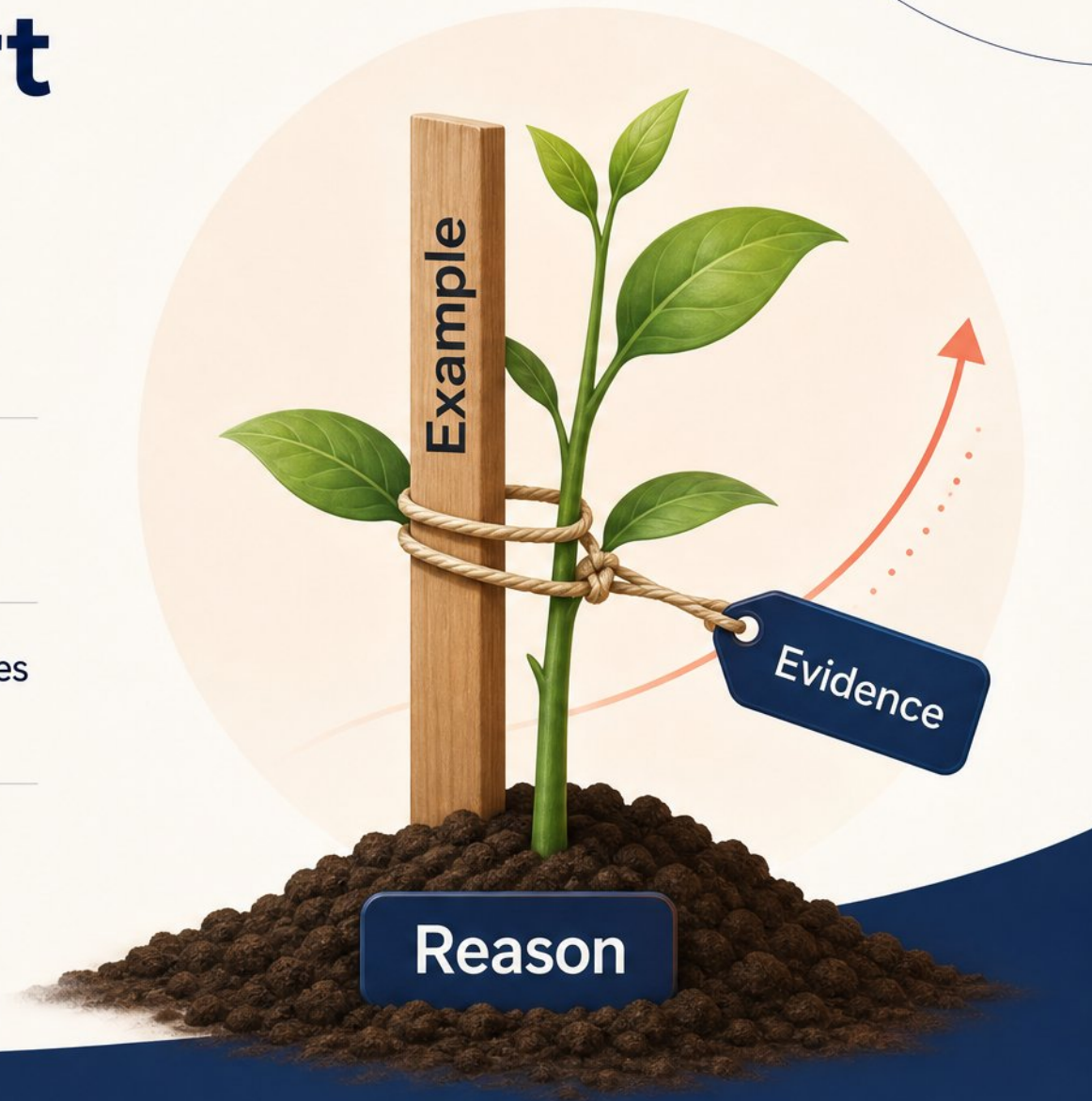
- Use signals like "For example" and "Specifically"



- Explain results or consequences for clearer reasoning



- Check that your reason truly supports your opinion



Softening and Politeness



- Hedging phrases (“I might be wrong, but...”) show thoughtfulness
- Modals (“could,” “might”) soften your message
- Politeness keeps workplace relationships strong and clear
- Balanced opinions sound more credible than extreme ones

Disagreeing Respectfully

- - Acknowledge first: "I see your point, but..."
- - Soften your stance: "I'm not sure I agree"
- - Challenge the idea, not the person
- - Invite dialogue with questions, not contradictions



Common Mistakes and Fixes

- ❌ Opinions without reasons sound weak
- ❌ Repeating the same reason adds no value
- ❌ Avoid overly direct or aggressive phrasing
- ❌ Expand beyond 'I think' with varied vocabulary
- ❌ Build a personal phrase bank and self-monitor



Contexts and Register



CASUAL TALK



“ I think that’s a good idea.”



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“ In my opinion, this approach works because...”



BUSINESS MEETINGS



“ I’d like to add a different perspective...”

- Casual talk: simple, direct phrases
- Classroom: balanced opinion with clear reasons
- Business meetings: polite openers and softeners
- Cultural norms guide directness at work
- Match your register to your audience

Practical Strategies for Practice



Use structured speaking frames to build confidence



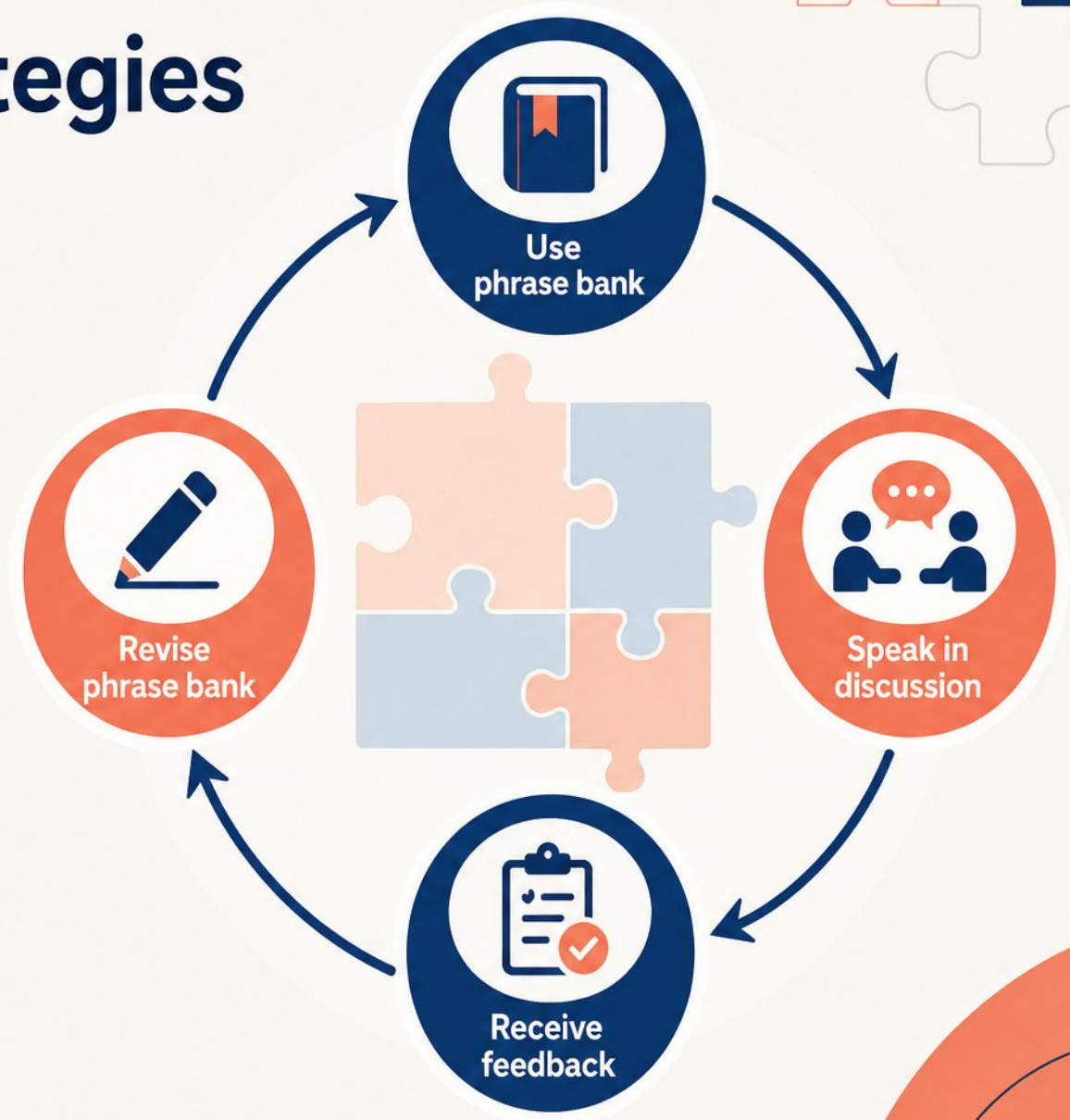
Practice with discussion prompts and opinion questions



Apply feedback to improve clarity and support

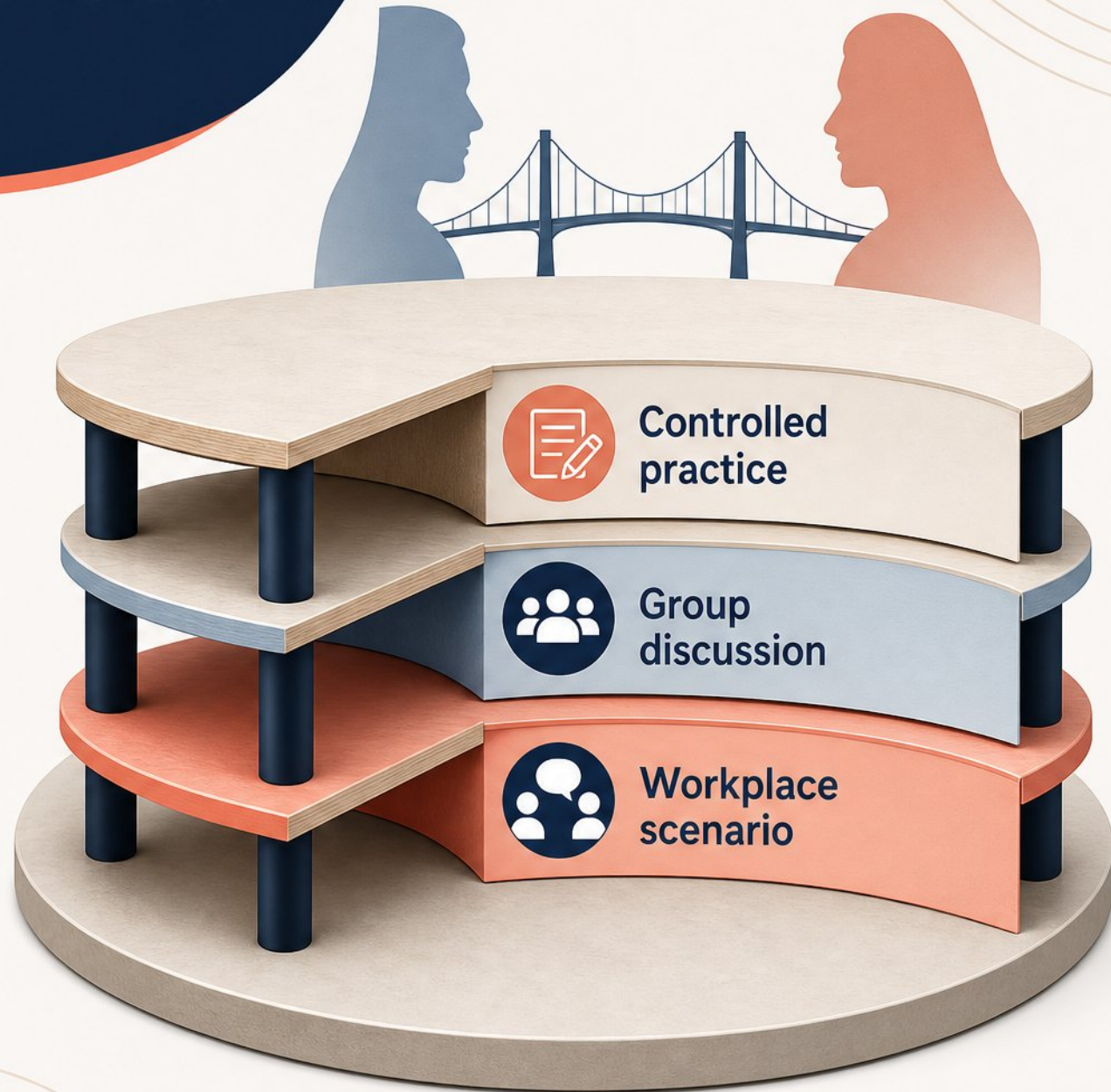


Build a personal phrase bank for different situations



Practice Activities

- State an opinion and give a reason using target phrases
- Practice agreeing and disagreeing in group discussions
- Role-play workplace scenarios: suggest an idea, explain a choice
- Write short paragraphs with the opinion–reason–example structure



Summary and Next Steps



- Recap key opinion phrases and reason connectors



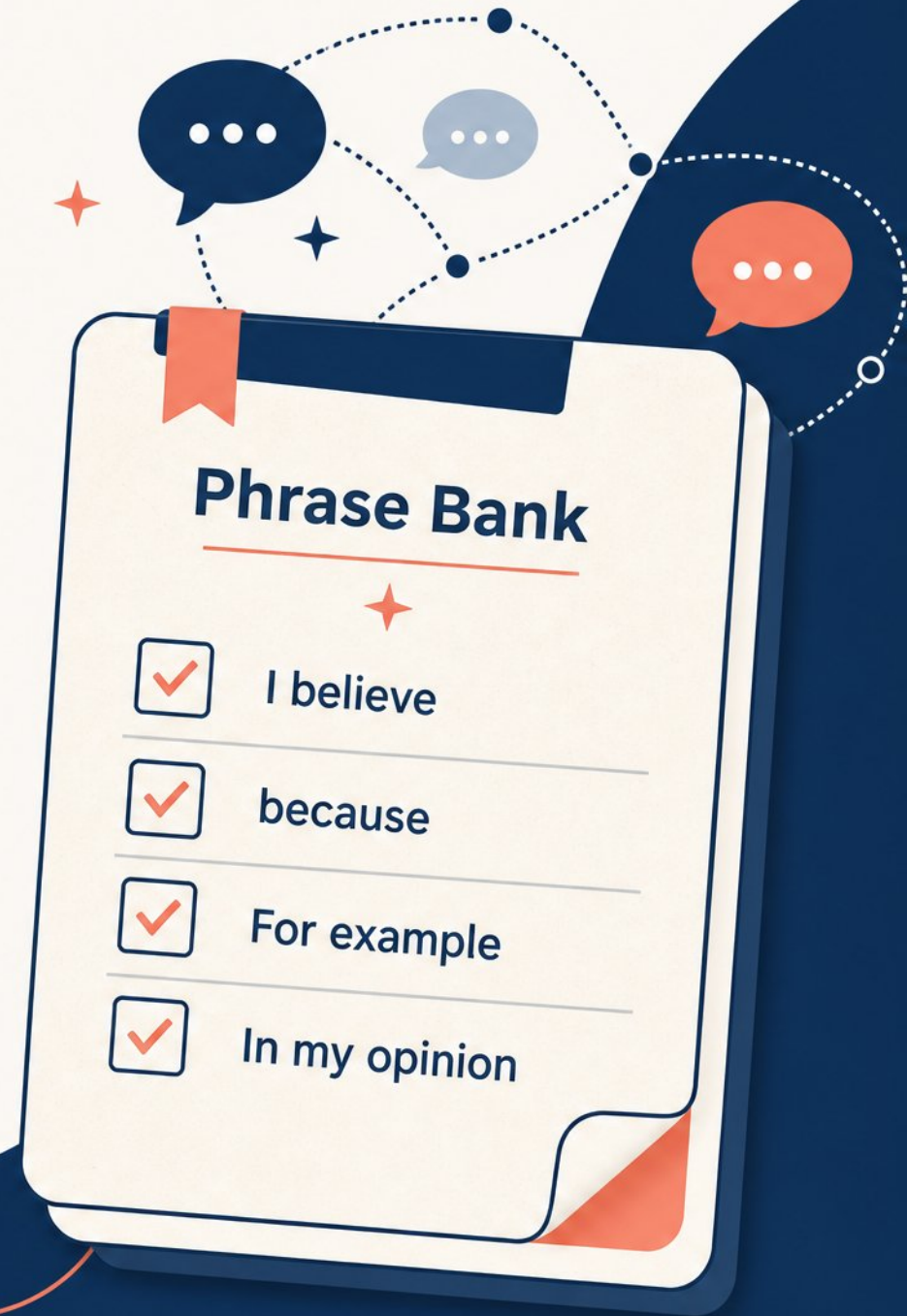
- Practice daily with prompts and discussion questions



- Build a personal phrase bank for all contexts



- Review checklist: opinion, reason, example, and polite tone



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