

Expressing thoughts and ideas



*My Thoughts
&
Ideas*



➤ Dialogue

A. I find it really hard to express myself in class. I have lots of ideas, but they never seem to come out of my mouth.

B. Let me give you a little advice. You know what the topics are going to be, so prepare what you would like to say in advance.

A. I often do, but I'm worried about the responses from other people.

B. You have to be realistic. Not everyone is going to agree with you, but people will respect your opinion and they will respect the fact that you have contributed something to the discussion.

A. I'm worried that what I say will not make sense.

B. We could chat about the topic before class. I could check that what you want to say is logical and it would also give you a chance to practice speaking.

A. That's a good idea. What should I do if I am in two minds about a topic?

B. That's easy. Express both possibilities. People will think that you are pretty smart to be able to look at the topic from more than one angle.



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- A. I didn't realize that speaking in class could be so easy.
B. The most difficult thing is being able to predict what other people will say.
They will reply to your statements, but you can't be sure now.

➤ Useful expressions

1. I have lots of ideas, but they never seem to come out of my mouth.
2. What kind of decisions do you leave to other people?
3. There are basic decisions like which restaurant to go.
4. I'm worried that what I say will not make sense.
5. I could check that what you want to say is logical.
6. What should I do if I am in two minds about a topic?
7. They will reply to your statements, but you can't be sure how.

➤ Vocabularies

Genius

Someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

Example

"Mozart was a child genius"

Brilliant

Of surpassing excellence

Example

"a brilliant performance"

Guilty

Responsible for or chargeable with a reprehensible act

Example

"guilty of murder"; "the guilty person"; "secret guilty deeds"

➤ **Phrases**

- ◇ Make a suggestion
- ◇ Have a proposal
- ◇ Change your mind
- ◇ Have a bright idea
- ◇ Make a sense
- ◇ Lose a train of thought
- ◇ Have no idea
- ◇ Be in two minds

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