## Term 1: May 2015 – IB2 Class Contents – Week 3

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• 1. WARM-UP: 10 Key OPINION Phrases Check

• 2. REVIEW: 6 NEW OPINION Phrases

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• 5. LEARN: 3 Key Business Phrases

• 6. Homework Assignment

#### **WARM-UP**

• Today, we are going to check your vocabulary for opinion situations.

• Question:

• What are <u>10</u> Business Opinion phrases that you can use in business meetings? (<u>not</u> including "I think" and <u>not</u> including last week's new phrases)

Now, make a list in your notebook of <u>10</u> opinion phrases.

• Time Limit: <u>5</u> minutes

### **Answer: 10 Opinion Phrases**

•	<b>1.</b>	ln	my	opinion
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• 2. The way I see it

3. It seems to me that

• 4. From my perspective

• 5. I tend to believe

• 6. From my point of view

• 7. From my standpoint

8. From my viewpoint

• 9. My take is

• 10. From my experience

### Let's Review: "Business Opinion" Phrases

- 1. I really feel that....
- 2. If you ask me, I tend to think that....
- 3. The way I see things, .....
- 4. If you want my opinion, I think....
- 5. I'm positive that....
- 6. I really think that...
- Intonation Technique:
- → Stretch BLUE colored words

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- 1. I really feel that our company needs more engineers.
- 2. If you ask me, I tend to think that this project will be successful.
- 3. The way I see things, our company has a lot of good products.
- 4. If you want my opinion, I think your idea needs more details.
- 5. I'm positive that our new product will be popular.
- 6. I really think that we need more time to finish.

## **Pronunciation Check:** Beginning "th"

**Th**at

**Th**is

**Th**ink

**Th**ings

**Th**e

CHECKED: Homework: Make SIX original opinions for the next class.

## **NOTE: For Speaking mistakes**

- When you make a speaking mistake say:
- 1. Excuse me.
- 2. Let me start again.
- 3. Excuse me. Let me start again.

#### **Common Reactions**

- **FIVE COMMON REACTIONS**
- 1. I agree. (+ comment or question)
- 2. I'm afraid I disagree. (+ comment or question)
- 3. I see. (+ comment or question)
- 4. I'm sorry. Could you repeat that, please?
- 5. Excuse me. What does .... mean?
- Never say:
- Eh? / Hai? / Ha? / What?

## **ACTIVITY: SPEAKING PRACTICE with a partner:**

- A: I really feel that our company needs more engineers. That's my opinion.
- B: I agree. From my perspective, we need more software engineers. That's my opinion.

(Then, change speakers)

- B: If you ask me, I tend to think that our new product will be popular. That's my opinion.
- A: I see. Why do you think it will be successful?

# **LET'S LEARN: THREE NEW BUSINESS PHRASES**

- 1. We need to....
- 2. We really need to .....
- 3. It's very important that we....
- Examples:
- 1. We need to improve our wireless system.
- 2. We really need to decrease our production cost.
- 3. It's very important that we increase our customers in Japan.

### Homework:

- 1. Think about your job, project, or company.
- 2. Then, make SIX original opinions using today's three key business phrases.
- 1. We need to....(2)
- 2. We really need to ..... (2)
- 3. It's very important that we.... (2)
- Total: 6 original sentences

----- End of Lesson