



## Defending an Idea

### Key Structures

#### Expressing an opinion

To me / In my mind / in my opinion / the best option is to  
I think it's a great idea  
I really like the idea spending a week in Miami  
I support the idea of the new North and South line  
He has strong opinions on  
You should always be right to stand up for your ideas

#### Reformulating

Let me rephrase  
Let me reword this  
In other words  
Put differently  
At the end of the day  
No, I'm not a doctor in fact / in a matter of fact I've never been to college  
She gave me a dollar that is to say that it is peanuts

### And now a dialogue between Elliot and Ryan

#### I Have Strong Opinions

Elliot: I like the idea of doing new things. I'm very much of the opinion that we should all be adventurers. In my opinion, explorers are real heroes. Let's go out now.

Ryan: I support that idea. Where shall we go?

Elliot: To the chip shop.

Ryan: I have strong opinions on food, I prefer pizza.

#### In Other Words

Ryan: So, did you like the exhibition?

Elliot: Well, it was interesting or rather it was not uninteresting.

Ryan: So, you liked it?

Elliot: To be precise, I did not dislike it. In other words, I did not hate it.

Ryan: So, you didn't like it?



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Elliot: In actual fact, I enjoyed some of the paintings. No, let me rephrase this. As a matter of fact, some paintings were not unpleasant.