

CONVERSATION CONNECTORS

English Base

CLOSING

that is all there is to say »
that is all for now »
to sum up »
and there is the problem »
I hope it is only a question of time »
that remains to be seen »

FILLER

understandably »
frankly speaking »
between you and me »
anyway »
well then »
well, as a matter of fact »
how can I put it? »
I must say that »
firstly »
secondly »
I would like you to know that »
I am afraid that »
now and then it seems to me that »
after all »
as far as I am concerned »
more and more »
actually »
all joking aside »
now seriously »

QUALIFYING

to tell the truth »
I presume that »
I hope that »
in my opinion »
if that is true »
I don't know exactly »
I would like to think that »
the way I see it is that »
as you may know »
I don't have a big interest in that »
if I understand correctly »
as you already know »
that isn't such a big problem »
that is a matter of opinion »
as far as I know »
I have the impression that »
it is usually true that »
you never know, but »
I haven't thought about it before, but »
if I am not mistaken »
I am not certain whether »
like every other man »
I have my own opinion on it, but »
I am not such an expert, but »

APOLOGISING

don't be upset, but »
it was a slip of the tongue »
I said it by mistake »
I am sorry that »

(DIS)AGREEING

one hundred percent »
without question »
exactly right »
most certainly »
without doubt »
in no case »
that isn't true at all »
that is an exaggeration »
I really can't believe that »
in principle that is true, but »
admittedly that is true, but »
that's one way to say it »
only up to a certain point »
certainly, why not? »
I agree »

OPENING

thank you heartily »
that is a good question »
that is such a difficult question »
once upon a time, long ago »

ELABORATING

to be more precise »
and what's more »
while I am already talking about it »
I would like to emphasise that »
should I explain in greater detail? »
allow me to say it another way »
that is to say »
nevertheless »
even though »
that sounds like »
and that is why »

PASSING

can you tell me please »
would you be interested in us talking about something else? »
and what do you think? »

QUOTING

she said something like »
my wife pointed out that »
recently, I heard that »
my better half said »

SWITCHING

now it occurs to me that »
by the way »
I have an interesting story about it »
and besides that »
oh, I nearly forgot »
and one more thing »
on the other hand »

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