

Language functions and related language structures

The different functions of language have different linguistic demands.

Each function has its own typical language structures.

<p>EVALUATING YOURSELF This worked well / was effective because.... I did this well because.... It would have been better if I..... This could be improved by.... Progress is /is not evident because This succeeds because---</p>	<p>SEEKING ASSISTANCE Can I have help with.....? Would you help me to.....? I need help with— Please assist me – Please lend a hand with----</p>
<p>ASKING PERMISSION REQUESTS Can I.....? May I....? Would it be possible for me.....? Is it all right if....? Would it be ok if...? Do you mind if I-----? I request----- Please let/permit/allow me to Would you agree to-----</p>	<p>APOLOGISING Sorry. I'm sorry for.... I regret..... Please forgive me for - ---- I apologise for ----- Pardon me. Excuse me. I beg your pardon.</p>

<p>AGREEING/DISAGREEING I agree /disagree with that because..... I don't agree with you because..... This is incorrect because I concur /don't concur I accept /don't accept This is correct/incorrect/ That is right /wrong</p>	<p>EXPLAINING This happens because This can be explained by When this then that The results show that-- It is evident that-----. The reason for this is-. This causes-to happen which results in---- This works by----</p>
<p>CLASSIFYING These go together because--- These objects are similar because----- The common feature of this set is----- The criteria we used for this group is----- We classified these by-----</p>	<p>PREDICTION HYPOTHESIS We will probably see--- because-----. The result of this will be-----. If.....then.... I predict..... I would expect It is likely that Because-----this will happen.</p>

<p>GENERALISING Usually/mostly In most cases Normally In general As a rule By and large/ On average</p>	<p>OBSERVATION I noticed that.... I observed.... I saw It was evident that I discerned I perceived that I became aware of</p>
<p>COMPARING?CONTRASTING It's much (better, longer, further etc) The are by far the</p> <p>Less than More than Better than Worse than Best/worst</p>	<p>COMMANDING I insist that....! Do this! I command you to---! You must---! At once-----! I order-----! I decree----! I demand----! (At once!)</p>
<p>INQUIRY How can....? Would/could/ should----? What do you think of....? How do you feel about...? What's your opinion of....? What is your view of...? What would happen if.....? Do you think---? Can---? May----?</p>	<p>DENIAL It wasn't me! It is not possible because- There must be a misunderstanding as-- I don't admit to.....! I deny this.....! I wasn't involved in/with..... This has nothing to do with me---! I reject/deny/refute the accusation!</p>

<p>WISHING HOPING I am hopeful that.... Wouldn't it be wonderful/great/good cool if I would really like/fancy? I want/wish I desire It is my wish/desire</p>	<p>PREFERENCE I prefer.....because I would prefer it if..... This is better than- because- I favour--- I incline towards...more than I appreciate/enjoy/like- -more This is not as good as—</p>
<p>EXPRESSING POSITION My opinion is..... My view is..... I believe that----- My position on this is— My attitude is--- My outlook is--- Personally I believe-----</p>	<p>OBLIGATION I ought to..... I should...so that I'd better...because I'm obliged to...because.... I have to/must I have no option/choice but My duty requires me to --- I am committed to--- I am required by—to--- My responsibility is to-----therefore I must----</p>

REFUSAL

No!

Absolutely not!

I can't/ won't/shan't because---

I don't wish to because.....

I am unable to because----

I would if I could but---

Unfortunately this is not

possible because-----

Sorry.

SUGGESTIONS

CRITICAL

FEEDBACK

The successful features of this are----

It would be better if....

In future you could----

This could be improved by--

It will work better when---

It was good when----

I really liked the part where

This worked here why don't you do it again with----?

Another way of doing that might be—

Have you thought about--?

WARNING OF CONSEQUENCE

If this----then !

The consequence of this will be

If you continue ---will !

The penalty/price for----is----!

Don't or else!

The outcome/result of---will be-

You will pay for--- with----!

DEDUCTION

Putting every thing together the answer must be--

There is a pattern which suggests that----

Looking at all the clues the answer must be

Logic suggests that---

SEQUENCE

First of all

Next

Then we...

After that

Meanwhile

After a while

Afterwards

Finally

At last

INFERENCE

Reading between the lines—

While nobody actually said this---It is clear/the inference is that --

The words say one thing but the pictures/actions /expressions tell us that-----

Body language makes it clear that---

Nobody said anything but we all understood from/because of the--- that-----