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(Musterlösung)

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<p>Giving examples</p> <p><u>Take ..., for example. / For example, when you think about ... / For instance, look at ... / One example is ... / ...</u></p>	<p>Dealing⁵ with interruptions⁶</p> <p><u>Excuse me, I wasn't done yet. / Could you let me finish, please? / I would like to finish my sentence. / Please don't interrupt.</u></p>
<p>Asking for an opinion or explanation⁷</p> <p><u>What's your opinion? / If I understand you correctly ... / Do you really think ...? / What do you mean by ...? / ...</u></p>	<p>Coming to a conclusion⁸ or a compromise⁹</p> <p><u>Can we find a compromise? / Let's find a compromise. / Let's sum up our discussion. / The conclusion seems to be ... / ...</u></p>

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