

## 14. Giving your opinion

When you give your opinion it is important to do so in a way that does not immediately reject the other person's ideas.

1	<b>In my opinion ....</b>	In my opinion, I think we should abolish nuclear power in Japan.
2	<b>Hmm, I'd say ...</b> (informal)	Hmm, I'd say giving up nuclear energy would be a good idea.
3	<b>Well personally, I think/believe ~</b>	Well personally I believe nuclear energy to be dangerous, so we should stop using it.
4	<b>If you ask me ...</b> (informal)	If you ask me, renewable energy like solar is better than nuclear power.
5	<b>The way I see it ...</b> (informal)	The way I see it, nuclear power will probably be obsolete in 50 years.
6	<b>From my point of view ...</b>	From my point of view, the risks associate with nuclear energy are too great to ignore.
7	<b>Honestly speaking, ...</b>	Honestly speaking, I don't like nuclear power.
8	<b>In my honest opinion ... (IMHO)</b>	In my honest opinion, I don't think Japan could survive without nuclear power.
9	<b>You know, ...</b> (informal)	You know, I think nuclear power is safe as long as safety standards are met.
10	<b>I don't know if I should say this but ...</b>	I don't know if I should say this, but nuclear power is the way to go.

When you have no opinion

11	<b>I've never given it much thought.</b>	I've never really thought much about nuclear power.
12	<b>I don't really know about that.</b>	I don't really know about nuclear power so it is hard to comment.
13	<b>Um, really I have no idea.</b>	Um, I really have no idea about that topic. You might want to ask my friend instead.

**What do you think about ~**

<i>North Korea</i>	<i>Global Warming</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Your parents</i>	<i>Japanese politics</i>
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