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- In other words, you're suggesting that...
- Let me see if I understand this correctly: You think that...
- If I understand you correctly, you're saying that...
- To put it another way, you believe...

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- I respectfully disagree with what you said because...
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- I think you're right because...
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