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WHAT TO KNOW!

Using Opinion-Marking Signals

OPINION – it is what you think and what you feel

MARKING – means symbols or codes

*We need to look for symbols or codes that expresses our ideas and emotions.

Examples:

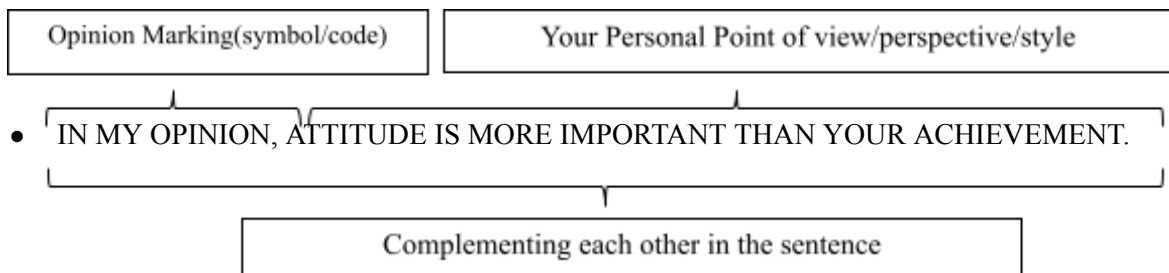
I BELIEVE THAT everything has a purpose.

I WOULD LIKE TO announce your promotion this quarter.

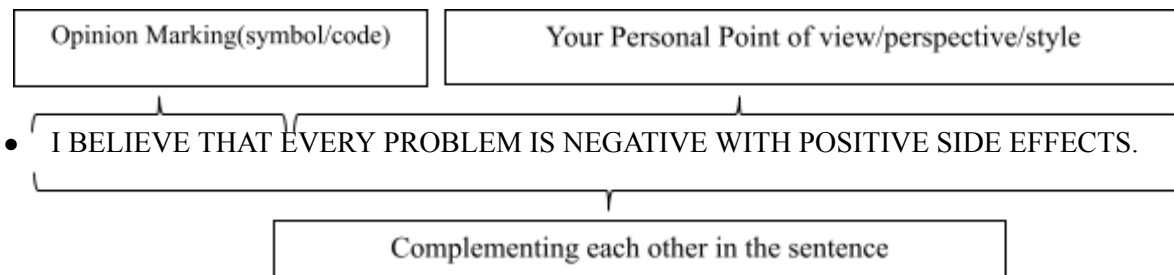
OPINION MARKING signals it is the beginning of a sentence, introducing your personal point of view, in a specific time with your own perspective and style about a topic that will complement the sentence.

EXAMPLES OF OPINION MARKING SIGNALS

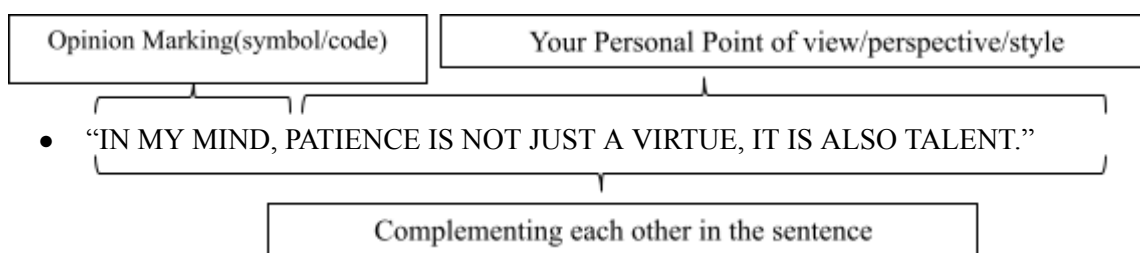
“**IN MY OPINION**, + [your sentence]”



“**I BELIEVE THAT** + [your sentence]”



“**IN MY MIND**, + [your sentence]”



MORE FORMAL ACADEMIC PHRASES WITH ‘THAT’

The patterns here are quite straightforward. Just add your sentence after ‘that’.

“IT WOULD SEEM THAT + [your sentence]” Use this when you support your opinion with evidence.

Example: “IT WOULD SEEM THAT A GOOD PERSON LEARNS THE BEHAVIOR FROM A GOOD PERSON AS WELL.”

“IT COULD BE ARGUED THAT + [your sentence]” Use this when you want to challenge an existing opinion.

Example: “IT COULD BE ARGUED THAT RESPECTS MUST BE GIVEN ACCORDING TO AGE, RESPECT MUST BE GIVEN ACCORDING TO THE ATTITUDE OF THE PERSON TOWARDS YOU.”

“THIS SUGGESTS THAT + [your sentence]” Use this when you don’t want to fully commit to an opinion. You’re giving yourself some distance.

Example: “THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT PEOPLE WHO SPEAK MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE HAVE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES.”

“THIS PROVES THAT + [your sentence]” Use this when you are confident with your opinion. This phrase is quite strong

Example: “THIS PROVES THAT READING CAN ADD LEARNING.”

“THIS SUPPORTS THE IDEA THAT + [your sentence]” Use this one when you are supporting an opinion that you have already made.

Example: “WATER IS IMPORTANT. THIS SUPPORTS THE IDEA THAT, NO ONE CAN LIVE WITHOUT IT.”

OTHER WAYS TO EXPRESS OPINION

“ALTHOUGH [idea you disagree with], [idea you agree with]” Use this when you want to make your opinion seems balanced.

Example: “ALTHOUGH STUDIES CLAIM THAT EATING IN THE MORNING CAN MAKE YOU MORE FAT, WE CAN’T DENY THAT BREAKFAST IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY.”

Note: The ‘although’ pattern is very effective because it shows two sides of the argument. In the example, I support the idea that eating in the morning can make you more fat –BUT- I recognize that it could have some benefits.

Structure your ‘although’ sentence like this: Although, [weaker argument you disagree with], [stronger argument you agree with].

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USING ADVERBS, ADJECTIVES AND NOUNS

You can use adverbs, adjectives, and nouns in a strategic way to show your opinion.

- B. Opinion
D. Rules
2. What is a code or symbol that you can see inside an idea?
A. Coding
B. Marking
C. Liking
D. Rating
3. In my opinion, I believe that, I argue with that, are phrases used in identifying your _____.
A. Opinion
B. Role
C. Rules
D. Identity
4. Choose the best set of part of speech that we can use in Opinion-Marking Signal.
A. Noun, Verb, Adverb
B. Noun, Adverb, Preposition
C. Noun, Adjective, Adverb
D. Noun, Pronoun, Preposition
5. Which among the phrases below is **NOT** an example of Opinion-marking signal?
A. How are you
B. In my opinion
C. In my mind
D. I believe that
6. Which among the phrases below is an example of Opinion-marking Signal?
A. I believe that
B. You're welcome
C. Thank you
D. I love you
7. Which statement has an opinion-marking signal?
A. Experts say that vaccines take a long time to be developed.
B. It can be noted that the year 2020 has brought a lot of tragic events.
C. It is my belief that people will naturally choose to be united for the common good.
D. According to data, the cases are going down because of the whole-of-nation approach.
8. Which statement has a more formal academic phrase in opinion-marking?
A. I believe that it is everyone's duty to keep the immediate surrounding clean.
B. I think it would be best to listen to the authorities and follow the community rules.
C. In my opinion, one's safety largely depends on the family's obedience to health protocols.
D. This supports the idea that family is the basic unit of society and discipline emanates from home.
9. Which statement **DOES NOT** have an opinion-marking that strongly supports an idea or position?
A. Although the raw materials are cheap, the labor force requires massive expenses.
B. In like manner, I agree with the proposal to proceed with the clearing operations.
C. For this reason, it is suggested to follow up on the initial course of action made.
D. This only proves that the proposed solution works for our people and company.
10. Which statement uses parts of speech to convey a clear and factual opinion?
A. The final decision was so out-of-the-blue.
B. I could not believe that they made such a ridiculous, last minute decision.
C. I totally object in the strictest sense of the word whatever it was they were doing.
D. Gladly, it was a data-driven decision supported by majority of the voting members.



Directions: Complete the sentences below using your own ideas. Choose a relevant topic from the current events and make sure that each sentence will deliver a complete idea with your supporting details.

1. I believe that _____

2. In my mind _____

3. It could be argued that _____

4. This suggests that _____

5. Although _____

Self-Assessment: Complete each open-ended statement based on your understanding and performance of this skill. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What helped me with using opinion-marking is _____.

2. For this skill, I find it difficult to _____.

3. Maybe I can improve on by _____.

4. I can use opinion-marking signals when _____.

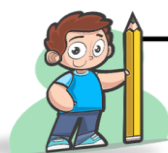
5. Opinion-marking signals are important because _____.

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Starter:

1. In my opinion

2. From my personal experience

3. I honestly believe that

4. This proves that

5. It is suggested that

6. It would seem that

7. In my mind

8. This supports the idea that

9. It could be argued that

10. It is my belief that

Take Off:

Activity A:

1. E

2. A

3. C

4. B

5. D

Activity B:

B

B

A

C

A

A

A

C

D

A

D

Fly High:

Answers may vary.