

## Discourse Strategies

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### Stating an argument for or against

- A. Use these expressions in a discussion to state your support for, or your opposition to, issues. Using these expressions will encourage a response and further develop the discussion. They are arranged from stronger to weaker. Practice saying each.

<u>Stating an argument for</u>	<u>Stating an argument against</u>
I strongly support ____.	I strongly oppose ____.
I'm very much in favor of ____.	I'm very much against ____.
I'm all for ____.	I'm totally against ____.
I think ____ is only right.	I think ____ is just plain wrong.
I believe ____ is the right thing to do.	I just don't think ____ is right.

- B. **Pair Work.** Take turns stating arguments for or against the issues below. Respond to your partner by agreeing or disagreeing.

spending tax money to protect species from extinction

giving tax breaks to people who use renewable energy resources

developing bigger cars and SUVs that waste gas

getting rid of animals that are dangerous to humans

allowing wild animals to live freely near people

letting people kill endangered animals for their skins

setting aside natural wildlife areas where animals can be protected

allowing logging companies to cut down forests

raising prices on gas so people will drive less

taxing companies when they pollute

letting farmers clear forests

Your own idea:

- C. Now practice making statements for and against issues as you do the Discussion Builder activities on page 71.