

Discourse Strategies

(Unit 8, page 95)

Paraphrasing an opinion

- A. Confirm your understanding by using the expressions on the left to paraphrase or summarize another's opinions during a discussion. Use the expressions on the right to confirm the accuracy of paraphrasing. Practice saying each.

<p><u>Paraphrasing an opinion</u></p> <p>So what you're saying is . . .</p> <p>In other words, . . .</p> <p>So what you mean is . . .</p> <p>To put it another way, . . .</p> <p>So you're saying . . .</p> <p>If I understand what you're saying, you think . . .</p>	<p><u>Responding</u></p> <p>That's right.</p> <p>That's exactly what I'm saying.</p> <p>That's not quite what I meant.</p> <p>Not exactly. What I'm saying is . . .</p>
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- B. **Pair Work.** Take turns choosing and asking any of the questions below. Listen to your partner's answer and then paraphrase his or her opinion. Your partner will tell you if your paraphrasing was accurate or not.

What do you think are the pros and cons of having children?

What do you think might be the pros and cons of living with your elderly parents?

What do you think might be the advantages and disadvantages of early retirement?

What do you think might be the benefits and difficulties of caring for elderly parents or relatives?

What do you think might be the pros and cons of being cared for by your children?

What do you think might be the pros and cons of living in a nursing home?

What do you think might be pros and cons of the government providing care for the elderly?

Your own idea:

- C. Now practice paraphrasing your partner's opinions as you do the Discussion Builder activities on page 95.