

DESCRIBING LOCATION

...at the very top / bottom of the picture..
in the top right-hand / left-hand corner...
in the bottom right-hand / left-hand corner...
on the left-hand / right-hand side...
in the foreground / background...
right next to ...
just / a little to the right / left of...

DESCRIBING SIMILARITIES AND PREFERENCES

compared to...
in contrast to...
similar / almost identical to...
(completely) different from...
as ... as...
not so ... as...
less ... than ...

GIVING YOUR PERSONAL OPINION

In my opinion / view...
Generally speaking, I think...
As far as I'm concerned...
To be quite honest...

EXPRESSING PERSONAL PREFERENCES

I'd prefer ... to ...

I'd rather do ... than...

I could never do /be ... but I'd really enjoy ...

GIVING YOURSELF TIME TO THINK

Well, ...

Now, let me see...

What else (can I say)?

Is there anything I can add to that?

It's difficult to say exactly but...

I can't be sure but...

I'm not quite sure, but I think...

I haven't thought about it before, but perhaps...

I don't really know, but I imagine...

POLITELY ASKING SOMEONE TO REPEAT SOMETHING

Sorry, could you say that again, please?

Could you repeat that, please?

I'm so sorry, but I'm not sure I understand correctly.

SUMMING UP

In a word...

So, to sum up...

In other words...

SAYING YOU'RE INTERESTED

I'm very keen on...

I find... fascinating.

Actually, this type of ... really interests me.

SAYING YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED

I find ... rather boring.

... isn't my kind of thing at all.

I can't say I have any great interest in...

SAYING YOU AREN'T SURE

Hmmm... I'd have to think about it.

I can't make my mind up.

ARGUING YOUR POINT

You may be right, but...

I may be wrong, but...

I agree to some extent, but...