Participating in Meetings
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Session 5: Giving Your Opinion
Learning Objectives
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In this session, you will:

• Practice ways of asking for and giving opinions.
• Express appreciation for an opinion request.
• Learn to delay giving an opinion.
Asking For and Giving An Opinion

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**Asking for an Opinion**

- What do you think, (name)?
- What do you think about (noun)?
- How do you feel about (noun)?
- Can we get your input?
- Do you have any opinions?
- How about (-ING verb)?

**Showing Appreciation for an Opinion**

**Request**

- I appreciate the question.
- Thanks for asking.

**Deferring an Opinion**

- I’m afraid I don’t have an opinion right now.
- Can I get back to you on that?

**Giving an Opinion**

**Responding to Others’ Opinions**

**Positive**

- I like that idea.
- That’s a great idea.

**Negative**

- I don’t like that idea.
- Definitely not.

**Giving Your Own Opinion**

- I think...
- I feel that...
- I think we/you should...
- In my opinion, ...
- Let me explain, ...
Let’s Discuss

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We all spend a lot of time shopping. Think about a specific store and exchange opinions with your coach. Refer to the language on the previous slide if you need to.

- Ask for an opinion on a store.
- Give an opinion about the store.
- Respond to other's opinions.
- Show appreciation for an opinion.
- Defer giving an opinion.
Let’s Discuss

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Many employees want to work from home. Exchange opinions on the pros and cons of working from home versus working from the office.

• Ask for an opinion on working from home.
• Give an opinion about working from home.
• Respond to other's opinions.
• Show appreciation for an opinion.
• Defer giving an opinion.
Tu: got a point for coming into the office, Bob.

Bob: My pleasure, I'm always happy to visit China and meet with you guys.

Ling: We appreciate your taking the time to help us. As you know, our luxury apartments in Shanghai aren't selling very well. What do you think is the issue?

Bob: the question in my opinion. I mean, it's the economy. People just aren't spending money on luxury condos.

Tu: Yeah, you've got a point, Bob. How about you, Ling? What do you feel is causing the drop in sales?

Ling: I appreciate thanks. Um, I agree with Bob, but I also feel that people want to go to other resorts. I think appreciate with our location. It's just not "in" anymore.
Bob: Hmm, I see. Tu, can we ___________?

Tu: Thanks, Bob. ___________, I feel like it's a combination of both. Fewer people are buying luxury apartments, and those who are buying them seem to prefer Hawaii.

Ling: You can't blame them. The weather's certainly better!

Bob: Yeah, ___________. Hmm, interesting. I guess I didn't realize Chinese people like Hawaii so much.

Tu: The question is: what can we do to get new clients?

Bob: I'd like to hear what both of you think of this idea. How ___________ reaching out to foreign clients?

Ling: That's an idea. ___________ I have an opinion yet, but I'd be totally happy to think about it.

Tu: I agree with Ling. I don't think I know enough about foreign sales and marketing. But I'll certainly ___________. It sounds interesting.

Bob: I thought you might say that. Let me explain it in a little more detail...
Apply It!
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Give your opinion on one of the issues below. Use the language you learned to give your opinion.

• Difficulties in finding the right person to hire
• Communicating your ideas to management