

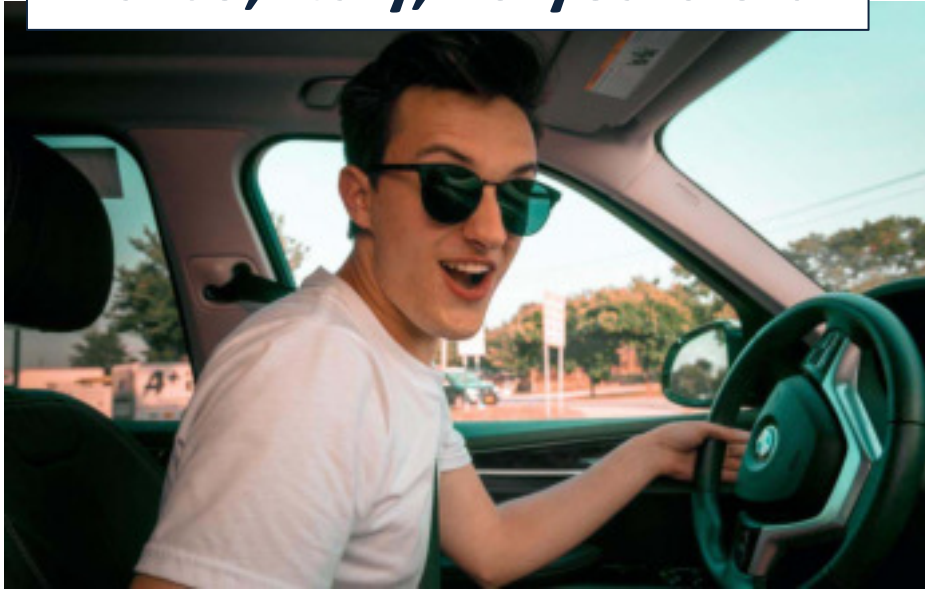
# Traffic



Traffic in my hometown \_\_\_\_\_ me mad!



**Marco, Italy, 19 years old.**



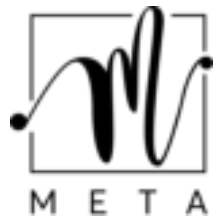
**Sam, London, 36 years old**



**Freddy, Portugal, 67 years old**



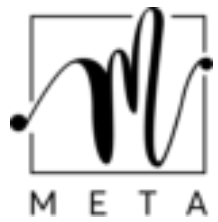
# Read these 3 stories



*“I love my car!! I reckon driving a car is the best thing in the world. I find it very convenient to travel with a car. I don’t need to wait for the tram or the bus and I don’t need to worry about missing the last tram or bus! I can just go where I want, whenever I want.”*

**– Marco, Italy, 19 years old.**

# Read these 3 stories



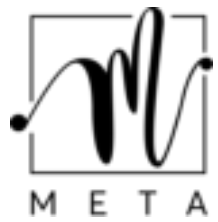
*“Ever since I retired, I sold my car and started using public transport more often. At first, it was a bit hard. I had to wait for the tram to arrive and then walk to where I wanted to go because the tram doesn’t stop exactly where you want to go. After a while, it became easier and I lost weight from walking. I’m no expert, but using public transport helps the economy.*

*It’s much cheaper than having a car. I guess it could also help reduce traffic.”*

**– Freddy, Portugal, 67 years old**



# Read these 3 stories



*“I cycle everywhere I go. I used to drive a car but after seeing how expensive it was to own a car, I decided to sell it and buy a bike. It can be hard sometimes especially when there’s traffic or people in front of you. But, if you ask me, cycling is much better than driving! People should cycle more because it keeps you fit and active and it also helps the environment.”*

**– Sam, London, 36 years old.**

**What's their preferred way of commuting and why?**

**Marco, Italy, 19 years old.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Freddy, Portugal, 67 years old** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sam, London, 36 years old** \_\_\_\_\_

## Highlight the phrases that have a similar meaning to 'I think'

*I reckon driving a car is the best thing in the world. I find it very convenient to...*

*I'm no expert, but using public transport helps the economy. It's also much cheaper than having a car. I guess it could also help reduce traffic.*

*...if you ask me, cycling is much better than driving!  
People should cycle more because it keeps you fit and active and it also helps the environment.*



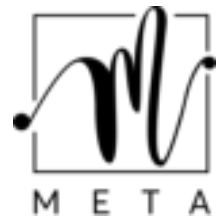
# Practice! Ex 1.

## Answer Sheet:

**Match the beginnings with the endings as found in the readings.**

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1. I reckon</b> driving a car    | a. to travel with a car                |
| <b>2. I find</b> it very convenient | b. help reduce traffic                 |
| <b>3. I'm no expert, but</b> using  | c. cycle more                          |
| <b>4. I guess</b> it could also     | d. cycling is much better than driving |
| <b>5. If you ask me,</b>            | e. is the best thing in the world      |
| <b>6. People should</b>             | f. public transport helps the economy  |

# Practice! Ex 1.2



## Answer Sheet:

Match the phrases with their closest meaning.

You should

I find

If you ask me,

I guess

I reckon

I'm no expert, but

\_\_\_\_\_ Opinion based on personal experience

\_\_\_\_\_ I haven't studied about this but this is my opinion

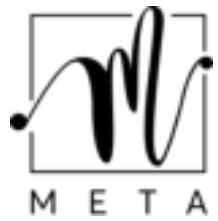
\_\_\_\_\_ Very unsure about an opinion

\_\_\_\_\_ My personal opinion about this is...

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe

\_\_\_\_\_ Giving a suggestion

# Giving Opinions



## Answer Sheet:

**Weak opinions**

**Feelings  
Thoughts**

**Strong opinions**

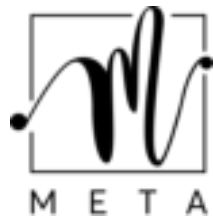
A horizontal green line with three vertical tick marks, serving as a scale for opinions. Below the line, there are three sets of horizontal red lines for writing answers, corresponding to the 'Weak opinions', 'Feelings Thoughts', and 'Strong opinions' categories.

Below the 'Weak opinions' category, there is one horizontal red line for writing.

Below the 'Feelings Thoughts' category, there are two horizontal red lines for writing.

Below the 'Strong opinions' category, there are three horizontal red lines for writing.

# Giving Opinions



Answer Sheet:

Informal

Formal



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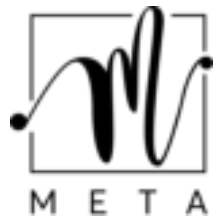
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# Giving Opinions - Form



I reckon...

I find...

I'm no expert, but...

I guess...

If you ask me,...

+ sentence (S+V+O)

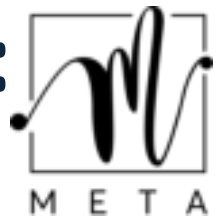
*I reckon, cars are causing pollution.*

You should

+V1

*People should be more careful about the environment.*

# Listen to this conversation and answer the question:



What's Jessica's biggest problem?

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*'At the train station.'*  
*Jessica and Karen are flatmates.*  
*They live together and*  
*sometimes travel to school on*  
*the same train. Listen to them*  
*having a chat.*



# Practice! Ex 2

## Answer Sheet:

Put the phrases below into the following conversation.

**Jessica:** Oh no!! I'm going to be late for school.

I reckon    I find    I'm no expert, but    I guess  
If you ask me    Should

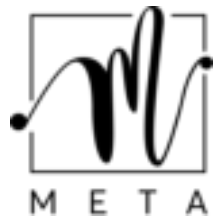
**Karen:** Did you wake up late again?

**Jessica:** Yes, I did. And now I've missed the train. I'm really tired of waiting.  it so stressful to catch the train. The station is always crowded, especially during peak hours, and you never know when it arrives exactly.  I think driving a car would be so much easier to travel.

**Karen:**  that using public transport isn't difficult at all.  public transport is easier and cheaper too. You don't have to pay for petrol and you don't need to stress yourself to find parking. However, if you plan to catch the train, you need to plan ahead! Maybe you  learn how to wake up earlier so you don't have this problem!

**Jessica:**  you're right. I should get up earlier and plan ahead. Oh! Here comes my train. Maybe I won't be late after all!

# Things to remember



- **Different ways to express you opinion**
- **Strong opinions, weak opinion and feelings**
- **Formal/informal expressions**



# A Useful Tip!

- Other expressions:

I think/I don't think...; I believe...; In my opinion...

*I think driving is stressful  $\neq$  I don't think driving is stressful.*

You can also give neutral answers.

*I'm not sure about this. I don't really have an opinion OR I partly agree with you...*

Start a phrase book



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