**Introducing points in an Argument**

***How do the introductory phrases help the listener?***

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*Well, one important point to consider is that they are intelligible to each other.*

*The most important advantage would be that nobody owns English any more.*

*Another strong reason for online classes might be that learners have less to do.*

*One important issue is that many people use English online.*

*Another problem is that there are so many varieties of English.*

**Here are some similar ways of introducing points:**

***Decide which are useful for introducing points for and against an argument.***

***Which could be neutral?***

One (important) point to consider is that

Another (strong) reason (for)

The most (obvious) drawback/advantage (of) might be that

The second problem/concern/issue (with)

A further consideration

The main explanation would be that

**It is possible to mix around the words to create different phrases**

**For example:**

*One extremely important reason for the high unemployment rate would be that there has been a recession.*

**Exercise**

***Put the words in brackets in the correct order to introduce the rest of the sentence.***

1. (point / the / that / main / consider / be / would / to) it's important to give learners a choice.

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1. (Global English / advantage / a / of / that / is / further) it makes using the internet easier.

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1. (problem / one / possible / be / British English or American English / that / with / might) it isn't what learners need.

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1. (reason / pronunciation problems / most / the / for / that / is / obvious) learners don't have the sound in their first language.

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***Decide whether the points below are for or against globalization, or neutral.***

***Then introduce each one using an appropriate phrase.***

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people are more aware of other cultures and ways of life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of small local businesses cannot compete with big multinationals.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there is a lot more choice available in shops than there used to be.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there are a lot more opportunities for people to travel and work abroad.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ big multinational companies have a lot of power.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of local skills and customs are disappearing.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we all recognize the same music, celebrities and brands.