

Hello. In our second episode of Lingvistov Pre-Intermediate podcast we will look at what you can use instead of "I think, I think, I think" and also linking expressions. They make your speech more complex and give you time to think about what to say next.

What to say instead of "I think":

I suppose; I reckon; I guess; I imagine; I presume; In my opinion; I believe

Let's start with "I suppose": I suppose it will rain today.

I reckon: I reckon she is angry at me for forgetting about her birthday.

I guess: I guess I'll go now.

I imagine: I imagine she just didn't want to come because she doesn't like sushi.

I presume: He is the new manager, I presume.

In my opinion: The book is not that bad in my opinion.

I believe: I believe he didn't do it.

There are some more linking phrases you may use:

As far as I know: As far as I know they are not husband and wife. They are just friends. As far as I know Italian is easier than English.

As far as I remember: As far as I remember her name is Jane. I might be mistaken. As far as I remember he lives near here.

It seems to me / It seems: It seems they are going to lose the match. It seems to me it will rain today.

To be honest: I said I was ill, but to be honest I just didn't want to come. To be honest, I don't like you.

By the way: Do you know a good sushi restaurant by the way? What do you want to have for Christmas by the way?

Listen to the dialogue:

- John, shall we go out? I believe we spend too much time working.
- Oh, no. To be honest, I would like to stay at home tonight.
- You told me yesterday that you wanted to go to the cinema as far as I remember.
- Oh, yes, I suppose so. But it seems to me they don't show "The Hunger Games" any more.
- I presume we will find something interesting to watch. By the way after the film we can go that fantastic sushi restaurant near here!
- I guess. Oh, ok, I'm in.

The dialogues ends with an interesting expression: "**I'm in.**" It means - I agree, I will take part in this, I will participate in this. I am going with you.

For example: Do you want to go to the cinema with us? - Yes, I'm in! I want to play football. Who's in? - Great idea! I'm in! The opposite is "I'm out." Sorry, I'm out. I have to go home. We are going to the bar now. - I'm out, guys! I need to see my parents tonight.

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