

## **Finding the Right Words: Essential Gambits for Interpersonal Feedback**

### **Making Suggestions/Giving Advice**

May I make a suggestion?  
Don't you think . . . ?  
Wouldn't you say (agree or think) . . . ?  
Wouldn't it be better if we . . . ?  
Why don't we try . . . ?  
We might want to consider . . . ?  
Are we sure . . . ? (careful)  
I need . . .

Let's . . .  
Perhaps we could . . . ?  
Why not . . . ?  
How about . . . ?  
I suggest that we . . . ?

### **Asking for Suggestions/Advice**

Do you have any suggestions?  
What do you think?  
What would you do?  
What should I do?

### **Accepting and Rejecting Suggestions/Advice**

That's a good point (idea, approach).  
Thanks for reminding me.  
Yes, why don't we try that?

I want to think about that.  
I hadn't thought about that.

That's a good idea, but . . . .  
That would be great, except . . . .  
Yes, but don't forget . . . .  
Yes, but keep in mind . . . .  
Yes, but consider . . . .  
Possibly, but . . . .  
Well, the problem is . . . .

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