

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: gap-fill, identifying, matching, binary choice, error correction

Speaking Activity: guided discussion, freer and communicative practice (group work)

Focus

Agreeing and disagreeing

Aim

To practice phrases used to agree, partially agree, and disagree.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this agreeing and disagreeing worksheet, students practice advanced phrases used to agree, partially agree, and disagree.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, students complete phrases for agreeing, partially agreeing, and disagreeing and then indicate the function of each phrase.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1. think, D | 5. feel, A | 9. say, D |
| 2. coming, PA | 6. see, D | 10. extent, PA |
| 3. point, A | 7. along, A | 11. agree, A |
| 4. sure, D | 8. absolutely, A | 12. case, D |

Next, students match each opinion with a suitable response.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. g | 2. a | 3. e | 4. b | 5. d |
| 6. h | 7. j | 8. i | 9. f | 10. c |

Students then underline the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

Exercise C - Answer key

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| 1. certain | 6. so |
| 2. wouldn't | 7. I'm not |
| 3. have | 8. that |
| 4. couldn't | 9. right |
| 5. That's not | 10. see it |

After that, students find mistakes in phrases and correct them.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. That's exactly how I see it. Education should be free.
2. I'm not sure about that. It's difficult for some people.
3. You're absolutely right. We have to protect the environment.
4. I see where you're coming from, but I prefer the city.

Finally, in groups of three, students discuss statements and say whether they agree or disagree with them using the phrases from the worksheet.

Afterwards, groups report back to the class on the statements they agreed on.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

A. Complete each phrase with a word below. Then, tick the function of each phrase.

sure absolutely think agree say coming
 case see point along feel extent

Phrases	Agreeing	Partially Agreeing	Disagreeing
1. I don't so.			
2. I see where you're from, but...			
3. You have a there.			
4. I'm not about that.			
5. That's exactly how I			
6. That's not how I it.			
7. I'd go with that.			
8. You're right.			
9. I wouldn't that.			
10. I agree to a certain			
11. I couldn't more.			
12. That's not always the			

B. Match each opinion with a suitable response.

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| 1. Dogs make the best pets. | a. You're absolutely right! You can find great deals. |
| 2. Shopping online is cheaper. | b. I don't think so. Friends are more important. |
| 3. You should avoid added sugar. | c. I'd go along with that. It's great exercise. |
| 4. Money can buy happiness. | d. I wouldn't say that. I prefer waiting to eat. |
| 5. Eating breakfast is essential. | e. That's exactly how I feel. It's so unhealthy. |
| 6. Speed limits are necessary. | f. That's not how I see it. It's way too hot. |
| 7. Social media is harmful. | g. I'm not sure about that. Cats are usually calmer. |
| 8. Children shouldn't have phones. | h. You have a point there, especially near homes. |
| 9. Summer is the best season. | i. I couldn't agree more. They're too distracting. |
| 10. Running is a good way to get in shape. | j. I see where you're coming from, but you can learn a lot from people's posts. |

C. Underline the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

1. I agree to a *partial* / *certain* extent, but it really depends on the weather.
2. I *wouldn't* / *couldn't* say that. You just have to try a different approach.
3. You *bring* / *have* a point there. I'd never thought of it like that.
4. I *wouldn't* / *couldn't* agree more. Chocolate ice cream is the best.
5. *That's not* / *It's not* always the case. Sometimes it can be very expensive.
6. I don't think *that* / *so*. I prefer watching sports.
7. *I'm not* / *I don't* sure about that. It's important to ask a doctor first.
8. I'd go along with *it* / *that*. I thought it was very well-written.
9. You're absolutely *true* / *right*. The experience wasn't worth the price.
10. That's not how I *see it* / *feel it*. I like to think of it as an investment.

**D. Circle the mistakes in agreeing and disagreeing phrases and correct them.**

1. That's exactly how I see. Education should be free.
2. I'm not agree about that. It's difficult for some people.
3. You're absolute right. We have to protect the environment.
4. I see where you come from, but I prefer the city.

E. Now, in groups of three, discuss whether you agree or disagree with each statement using the phrases from the worksheet. Give reasons for your opinions.

1. Genetically modified foods are the key to solving world hunger.
2. University degrees are becoming less valuable in today's job market.
3. Electric cars aren't as environmentally friendly as people think.
4. Homework doesn't significantly improve learning outcomes.
5. Students should have a shorter summer holiday.
6. Love is the most important thing in a relationship.
7. It's better to live in a city than in the countryside.
8. People should eat less meat to help reduce climate change.
9. Online learning is just as good as traditional classroom learning.
10. Professional athletes are overpaid.

