

B1

MEETINGS

≈ 27 MIN

Agreeing and Disagreeing — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock the phrases in, brick by brick. New examples, same ladder.

Soften first, then disagree: softener ("I'm afraid", "I see your point") + **but** + your view

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YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING

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BRICK 1 · SORT BY DIRECTION · APPROX. 4 MIN



Read each sentence quietly. Full agreement → left column. Disagreement (always politely wrapped) → right column. Careful: some sentences open warmly — and still mean no!

Absolutely – great idea

I couldn't agree more

I agree with the plan

Exactly, let's do it

That's a brilliant idea

I agree completely

I'm afraid I disagree

I see it a bit differently

I'm not sure I agree

With respect, I see a problem

To be honest, I doubt it

I see your point, but I disagree

AGREEING	DISAGREEING POLITELY

BRICK 2 · FILL IN THE MISSING WORD · APPROX. 6 MIN



Fill in exactly **one** word from the lesson. Remember the two steps: softener first, then the disagreement.

01 I agree _____ to a point, but the travel costs worry me.

02 I'm _____ I disagree — the timeline is too tight.

03 I couldn't agree _____ — the new logo looks great.

04 With _____, I think we should wait a week.

05 To be _____, I doubt the plan will work.

06 That's _____, but we still need more time.

07 I see your _____, but the budget is already fixed.

08 I _____ it a bit differently — Friday is too early.



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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN



Each sentence hides exactly one mistake. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 I'm agree with the new plan.

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02 I agree until a point, but the price is too high.

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03 I not agree with this schedule.

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04 I see your point, and we cannot finish by Friday.

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05 I disagree to your proposal.

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06 You are wrong about the budget.

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BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN



Write one sentence for each prompt. Keep the pattern: **soften** first, then **disagree** — and challenge the idea, never the person.

01 A proposal from your job you only partly like: "I agree up to a point, but ..."

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02 A deadline you find unrealistic: "I see your point, but I'm afraid ..."

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03 A colleague's idea you really love: "I couldn't agree more — ..."

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04 An argument from your last meeting: "That's true, but ..."

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MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I know: in an English meeting, soften first, then disagree.
- ☐ I can use the agreement ladder from "Absolutely" down to "I see your point".
- ☐ I say "I agree" with no "am" — never "I'm agree".
- ☐ I challenge the idea, never the person: "I'm afraid I disagree."

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.



Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

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| <p>01 Absolutely — great idea
<i>Top rung of the ladder — full agreement.</i></p> <p>02 I couldn't agree more
<i>No stronger agreement is possible — full agreement.</i></p> <p>03 I agree with the plan
<i>Plain "I agree" — neutral agreement, no "am".</i></p> <p>04 Exactly, let's do it
<i>A short, clear yes — agreement.</i></p> <p>05 That's a brilliant idea
<i>Enthusiastic praise — agreement with no reservation.</i></p> <p>06 I agree completely
<i>"Completely" makes the agreement total.</i></p> | <p>07 I'm afraid I disagree
<i>Softener "I'm afraid" + "disagree" — wrapped disagreement.</i></p> <p>08 I see it a bit differently
<i>The gentlest rung of disagreement.</i></p> <p>09 I'm not sure I agree
<i>Formally just doubt — in practice a disagreement.</i></p> <p>10 With respect, I see a problem
<i>"With respect" announces disagreement, not deference.</i></p> <p>11 To be honest, I doubt it
<i>Softener "to be honest" + doubt — disagreement.</i></p> <p>12 I see your point, but I disagree
<i>Acknowledge, then "but" — the counter-argument is on its way.</i></p> |
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BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| <p>01 I agree up to a point
<i>Fixed phrase: "up to a point" — not "until".</i></p> <p>02 I'm afraid I disagree
<i>"I'm afraid" means "unfortunately" here — the classic softener.</i></p> <p>03 I couldn't agree more
<i>The strongest agreement on the ladder.</i></p> <p>04 With respect
<i>"With respect" cushions the disagreement.</i></p> | <p>05 To be honest
<i>"To be honest" takes the edge off the sentence.</i></p> <p>06 That's true, but
<i>"That's true, but ..." — give first, take second.</i></p> <p>07 I see your point
<i>"I see your point" acknowledges the argument — "but" follows.</i></p> <p>08 I see it a bit differently
<i>"I see it a bit differently" — the gentlest disagreement.</i></p> |
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BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| <p>01 I agree with the new plan.
<i>"Agree" is a verb — no "am": "I agree", not "I'm agree".</i></p> <p>02 I agree up to a point, but the price is too high.
<i>The fixed phrase is "up to a point", not "until".</i></p> <p>03 I don't agree with this schedule.
<i>Negation with do: "I don't agree".</i></p> | <p>04 I see your point, but we cannot finish by Friday.
<i>After the acknowledgement comes "but" — not "and".</i></p> <p>05 I disagree with your proposal.
<i>The phrase is "disagree with".</i></p> <p>06 I'm afraid I disagree about the budget.
<i>"You are wrong" attacks the person — soften first, then challenge the idea.</i></p> |
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BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that a softener comes first and your argument follows.

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| <p>01 "I agree up to a point, but the travel budget is too small."
<i>Partial agreement first, then "but" + objection.</i></p> <p>02 "I see your point, but I'm afraid two weeks is not realistic."
<i>Acknowledge + softener + reason. Alternatively: "... but I'm afraid I disagree."</i></p> | <p>03 "I couldn't agree more — this design will impress the client."
<i>Strongest agreement, then a short reason.</i></p> <p>04 "That's true, but we should test it first."
<i>Confirm first, then steer with "but".</i></p> |
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