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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 ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

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.

YOUR BUILD · 1 · SORTING · 2 · FILL-IN · 3 · CORRECT · 4 · WRITE

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.

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

03 I not agree with this schedule.

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

05 I disagree to your proposal.

06 You are wrong about the budget.

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 …"

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

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

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

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

01 **Absolutely** — great idea
Top rung of the ladder — full agreement.

02 **I couldn't agree more**
No stronger agreement is possible — full agreement.

03 **I agree** with the plan
Plain "I agree" — neutral agreement, no "am".

04 **Exactly**, let's do it
A short, clear yes — agreement.

05 That's a **brilliant** idea
Enthusiastic praise — agreement with no reservation.

06 I **agree** completely
"Completely" makes the agreement total.

07 **I'm afraid** I disagree
Softener "I'm afraid" + "disagree" — wrapped disagreement.

08 I **see it a bit differently**
The gentlest rung of disagreement.

09 I'm **not sure** I agree
Formally just doubt — in practice a disagreement.

10 **With respect**, I see a problem
"With respect" announces disagreement, not deference.

11 **To be honest**, I doubt it
Softener "to be honest" + doubt — disagreement.

12 I see your point, **but I disagree**
Acknowledge, then "but" — the counter-argument is on its way.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 I agree **up** to a point
Fixed phrase: "up to a point" — not "until".

02 I'm **afraid** I disagree
"I'm afraid" means "unfortunately" here — the classic softener.

03 I couldn't agree **more**
The strongest agreement on the ladder.

04 With **respect**
"With respect" cushions the disagreement.

05 To be **honest**
"To be honest" takes the edge off the sentence.

06 That's **true**, but
"That's true, but …" — give first, take second.

07 I see your **point**
"I see your point" acknowledges the argument — "but" follows.

08 I **see** it a bit differently
"I see it a bit differently" — the gentlest disagreement.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 **I agree** with the new plan.
"Agree" is a verb — no "am": "I agree", not "I'm agree".

02 I agree **up to** a point, but the price is too high.
The fixed phrase is "up to a point", not "until".

03 I **don't** agree with this schedule.
Negation with do: "I don't agree".

04 I see your point, **but** we cannot finish by Friday.
After the acknowledgement comes "but" — not "and".

05 I disagree **with** your proposal.
The phrase is "disagree with".

06 **I'm afraid I disagree** about the budget.
"You are wrong" attacks the person — soften first, then challenge the idea.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

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

01 "**I agree up to a point, but** the travel budget is too small."
Partial agreement first, then "but" + objection.

02 "I see your point, **but I'm afraid** two weeks is not realistic."
Acknowledge + softener + reason. Alternatively: "… but I'm afraid I disagree."

03 "**I couldn't agree more** — this design will impress the client."
Strongest agreement, then a short reason.

04 "**That's true, but** we should test it first."
Confirm first, then steer with "but".

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