

HOW TO EXPRESS AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT

When producing language, whether it be speaking or writing, one of the most important language functions is that of **agreeing and disagreeing**. This language function is essential because it allows speakers to negotiate meaning and reach agreements while communicating with others. I'm going to teach you **how to express agreement and disagreement** in English with a comprehensive list of expressions that allow you to agree and disagree with others. Also, I will show you a few expressions to express your opinions, as this is very closely linked to how we agree or disagree with others.

How to express agreement

In this section you have a series of expressions to show you how you can agree in English in many different ways. My advice is that you read through them, choose 5 or 6 that you particularly like and that you learn them by heart. Also, I recommend stop using simply «I agree with you», as this is terribly simple and, if you're trying to pass a Speaking B or Speaking C1, it will definitely not be enough. So let's take a look:

- *I (completely / really / totally / absolutely / honestly / truly) agree with you (on that)*
- *I really think / believe so, too.*
- *I couldn't agree more.*
- *I have come to the same conclusion.*
- *I hold the same opinion.*
- *I have no objection whatsoever.*
- *I see what you mean and I (must) agree with you.*
- *I see it that way, too.*
- *I share your opinion / view.*
- *I was just going to say that.*
- *You're (completely / totally / absolutely) right.*
- *You have a point there.*

- *You've made a good point.*
- *We are of one mind (on...)*
- *We are of the same mind (on...)*
- *That's (so / completely / absolutely / undeniably) true.*
- *That's a really good point.*
- *Yeah, that's just it.*
- *Fair enough.*
- *Yes, of course.*
- *No doubt about it.*

How to express partial agreement

Sometimes, when discussing something in speaking or writing form, we may agree with some aspects of what is being discussed, but not necessarily 100%. In those cases we can use some expressions to say that we agree, but not completely, that is, we *partially* agree. Let's take a look at a few examples:

- *I agree with you up to a point.*
- *I see what you mean, but...*
- *That idea is OK, but...*
- *I understand that, but...*

How to express disagreement

Now, we will take a look at some **disagreement expressions**. In this case, I ought to tell you that whenever we disagree with someone, it might sound quite rude if we simply say «I don't agree». For this reason, I have added 4 opening expressions that make disagreement sound more polite. So, when you take a look at the list that follows, try to combine one of the 4 expressions in the first level with one of the various expressions in the second level. For example: (1)*I'm afraid* (2)*I don't share your view*.

Here's a good list of expressions to disagree in English:

- *I'm afraid...*
- *I'm sorry but...*
- *You may be right, but...*

- *That might be true, but...*
 - *I beg to differ.*
 - *I don't agree with you on that / what you say.*
 - *I don't think you're right.*
 - *I don't share your view.*
 - *I think otherwise.*
 - *I take a different view.*
 - *I believe your argument doesn't hold water.*
 - *I'm not sure I agree with you.*
 - *that doesn't make much sense to me.*
 - *that's not always the case.*
 - *that's not always / necessarily true.*

How to express opinions in English

Finally, I believe it is important to be able to reason why you're agreeing or disagreeing with someone. Therefore, being able to **express your opinion** properly is just as essential. So, here's a list of expressions that will help you **agree and disagree properly in English**, and I've divided them into three different categories depending on how these expressions are constructed:

//It + verb...

- *I think / consider / find / feel / believe / suppose / presume / assume that...*
- *I would say that...*
- *I have the feeling that...*
- *I have no doubt that...*
- *I hold the opinion / view that...*
- *I take the view that...*
- *I guess that...*
- *I bet that...*
- *I gather that*
- *I am under the impression...*
- *I am of the opinion that...*

- *I am sure / certain that...*
- *It goes without saying that...*
- *It seems to me that...*
- *It is my impression that...*

In/From/To my...

- *In my opinion, ...*
- *In my view, ...*
- *In my eyes, ...*
- *From my point of view, ...*
- *From my viewpoint, ...*
- *To my mind, ...*
- *To be honest, ...*
- *My opinion / view / belief / impression is that...*
- *My own feeling on the subject is that...*
- *My personal view is that...*

Other

- *As far as I'm concerned, ...*
- *As for me / As to me...*
- *As I see it...*
- *The way I see it...*
- *Personally speaking, ...*

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