

Discussion Strategies

Expressing Opinions



Here are some standard words and phrases you can use to express your opinions on topics of agreement or disagreement.

Statements

In my opinion _____

It seems to me _____

I feel _____

Don't you think _____

According to _____

Agreements

I agree.

You're right.

I think so, too.

That's right/true.

That's a good point.

Disagreements

I'm afraid I disagree.

I'm not sure I agree.

Maybe/Perhaps, but _____

I don't agree.

Activity 1: In small groups, agree or disagree with these statements.

1. In my opinion, people should not own guns.
2. American football is stupid.
3. I feel there's too much violence on TV.
4. Children nowadays spend too much time playing computer games.
5. Don't you think people eat too much fast food these days?

Activity 2: In your small group, each of you come up with your own statements or beliefs about something and respond to each other with your opinions.