

Immediate responses

Excellent!

I'm all for it

I entirely agree

Exactly!

Absolutely

It sounds just the ticket

Good idea

I like the sound of that

That's fine

You are right

I agree

I go along with that

That's very interesting

That's true

Okay

I'm inclined to agree

Fair enough

I see your point

Yes and no

I suppose it is possible

I understand what you're saying, but...

I'm not so sure

Maybe, maybe not

Yes, but...

I'm not sure I go along with that

I don't see it that way

Sorry, I don't agree

I think that's wrong

I'm afraid it's out of the question

I'm totally against that

Respond to these statements
with the expressions on the left

“People should be allowed to vote at the age of fourteen ”

“ We should take more care of the environment ”

“The Queen ought to be Queen of Europe ”

“ Criminals should be sent to live on Mars ”

“ Public transport should be owned by the state and run by the state ”

“Theatres should be subsidised ”

“ Smoking should be made illegal ”

“ Everyone should have at least 10 weeks' holiday a year ”

“ We ought to show more kindness and respect to older people ”

“ Only two school subjects should be compulsory – Maths and Music ”

Giving opinions

Expressing an opinion

In my view/opinion ...
I'm inclined to think ...
As far as I'm concerned ...
It seems to me that ...
I suggest ...
I'm in two minds
I can see both points of view
On second thoughts ...
I'm not convinced
I'm not sure about this
It's not quite what I had in mind
We need to weigh up all the options

Expressing a feeling

My feeling is ...
My impression is ...
I get the feeling ...

Offering advice

If you want my advice ...
I (would) suggest ...
If I were you ...
If I were in your shoes ...

Asking for an opinion

How do you feel about ... ?
What is your view on ... ?
What's your angle on ... ?
What do you think (about ...) ?
What do you suggest?
Where do you stand on ... ?
Any thoughts?
Would you like to comment?
I need your input here
How do you react to that?
How do you feel about ... ?

Asking for clarification

Let me get this straight
I don't quite follow you
What's your point?
What are you getting at?
Can you run that past me again?

Review the expressions on the left with your teacher. Then think of replies to the questions below.

"In my view
we should reduce the time employees have to work to just 15 hours per week. It will significantly improve the quality of their work. **How do you feel about that?**"

"My
daughter wants a pet. She thinks a crocodile would be good. **What do you think?"**

"We don't know
whether to go for this year's summer holiday to Greece or to Siberia. **What's your view?"**

"Well, the CEO
has said that if we do not double sales by the end of the year he will have to close down this department and make all 22 of us employees redundant. **How do you react to that?"**

"My boss has offered
me £500,000 if I step down from my job and leave the company. It's very generous, more than ten times what I earn in a year. But I would miss my work and my colleagues. **What do you suggest?**"

Ask your teacher for his/her views on

- rock concerts
- the NHS
- add your own



More ways to agree and disagree

I like the sound of that

I'm in favour of this
I'm all for this
I like this idea
I like the sound of this
I go along with this suggestion
Let's go with this
This sounds just the ticket

It's not what I had in mind

It's not quite what I had in mind
It's not quite what we're looking for
I'm not sure I agree with you
I beg to differ
I have an issue with this
To be blunt, it's not such a good idea
There is no need to fall out over this, but ...
I'm not being personal, but ...

I know what you're saying

I know what you're saying
I take that on board
Fair enough
I'm not saying you don't have a point
I can't disagree with that
That is true, but ...
I'm not so sure
I take your point, but ...
I see what you're saying, but ...
I accept what you're saying, but ...



ROLE PLAY

You are an employee who has been using the photocopier at work to produce leaflets for your friend's guitar performance.

Your teacher is your boss and raises this with you.

You accept the point s/he is making. But you make it clear that your friend's musical performance is for a charity which the company supports.

Discuss these suggestions with your teacher:

- cars to be banned from all city centres
- people to be charged £50 if they visit A&E when it is not an emergency
- children to go to school every day except weekends, bank holidays and when parents take annual leave



Discuss with your teacher your favourite foods and favourite meal. Do you agree?
Do you share the same tastes?