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English – Level 3

Lesson 11

Expressing Opinion, Agreement and Disagreement

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Objectives of the lesson

- In this lesson, students will learn some common expressions to agree or disagree with something or to express their views.

Expressing Opinion, Agreement and Disagreement

Sooner or later you will get the urge to agree or disagree with something that is being said in English. Offering an opinion can be difficult when it is not in your first language. You may know exactly what you want to say in your native tongue, but are unsure of how to express your views in English. You may also worry that your words will not come out properly or that you might hurt someone's feelings by being too forward. Although it is easier to sit back and say nothing at all, you will become bored or frustrated if all you can do is nod your head yes or shake your head no, especially if you have a strong opinion about something. The best thing to do is to learn and practice some common expressions that are used in formal discussions and debates. For example, there is a difference between agreeing strongly or only slightly.

1. Asking for opinion:

- What's your idea?
- Do you have anything to say about this?
- How do you feel about that?
- What are your thoughts on all of this?
- What do you think?
- Do you agree?
- Wouldn't you say?

2. Expressing opinion:

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| - In my opinion... | - If you ask me... |
| - I'm of the opinion that.... | - My impression is that.... |
| - The way I see it... | - Personally, I think.... |
| - It seems to me that.... | - I believe.... |
| - If you want my honest opinion.... | - I feel.... |
| - I'd like to point out that.... | - What I mean is.... |
| - As far as I'm concerned... | - According to me.... |
| - I suppose.... | - From my point of view.... |
| - I guess.... | - I hold the view that.... |
| - From my perspective.... | - Some people say that.... |
| - Well, it is considered that.... | - Generally it is thought that.... |
| - It is generally accepted that.... | |

3. Expressing agreement:

- I agree....
- I couldn't agree more....
- I see your point....
- I see exactly what you mean....
- Sure, that's one way of looking at it....
- I have to side with you on this one....
- You're right, that's a good point....
- Actually, I think you're right....
- Well, I agree with you here....
- Ok, that's convincing....
- That's exactly how I feel....
- I totally agree....
- Absolutely....
- I see what you are getting at....
- I'd go along with that view to a point...
- I'd go along with that....
- I second that....
- That's true....
- You have my full agreement....
- I think so too....
- You took the words right out of my mouth...

4. Expressing disagreement:

- I see your point, but....
- You could say that, however....
- Well, I see things rather differently....
- I'm not sure I go along with that view....
- I agree up to a point, but....
- I still have my doubts....
- Well, I don't quite agree with you....
- Not necessarily....
- There is no way I could agree with that....
- I don't think so....
- We don't seem to be in complete agreement....
- -We don't seem to agree here....
- I see what you are getting at, but....
- I completely disagree....
- Umm, I'm not sure about that....
- I don't really agree with that idea....
- I wouldn't quite put it that way myself....
- That's out of question....
- I find that very difficult to accept....
- That's not always true....

5. Expressing interruption:

- Sorry to interrupt, but....
- Is it ok if I jump in for a moment....
- Excuse me for a second, but....
- May I say something here....
- Before you move on, I'd like to say something....
- Just a moment, I like to add something here....
- (after accidentally interrupting someone) Sorry, go ahead. OR Sorry, you were saying...
- Wait a minute....
- Do you mind if I add something....
- I don't mean to intrude, but....
- Sorry to cut you off, but....

- (after being interrupted) Sorry, but can you let me finish....
- (after being interrupted) Let me finish what I have to say first....