

Agreeing and disagreeing

In this video, Emir and Paul discuss a design for a client. Listen to the language they use for agreeing and disagreeing and practice saying the useful phrases.

Preparation task

Put the phrases (a-h) in the correct group (1-2).

Groups

1. Agreeing

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2. Disagreeing

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Phrases

- a. I think I disagree.
- b. I'm not so sure.
- c. Maybe you've got a point there.
- d. Don't get me wrong, but I don't think so.
- e. I agree.
- f. I'm not convinced.
- g. I think you're right.
- h. Yes, definitely.

Tasks

Task 1

Decide which sentence gives the best summary of the video.

- a. Emir and Paul discuss the design but can't agree on any changes.
- b. Emir and Paul disagree on the design, but they make some changes and finally agree.
- c. Emir and Paul both agree on the design and decide no changes are needed.

Task 2

Put the words in the correct order.

1. by not idea. I'm that convinced
2. so not I'm sure.

3. disagree. I think I
4. they fit. get me think that wrong, but I don't Don't
5. what a bit empty. you mean, I see but it looks
6. there. point a got OK, maybe you've
7. you're I right. think
8. we like So agree! looks it

Task 3

Complete the dialogue.

convinced	definitely	get me wrong	got a point
I disagree	not so sure	right	what you mean

A: Here's my design for the new advertising campaign. What do you think?

B: I'm not (1)..... that this is what the client wants.

A: But they asked for bright colours.

B: I think (2)..... They said they wanted the design to be fresh and fun.

A: But this design *is* fresh and fun.

B: I'm (3).....

A: Really?

B: Don't (4), I like your design but it doesn't fit the brief.

A: I see (5) I guess it's a bit too flashy.

B: What about changing the red and the stars?

A: Maybe you've (6)..... there. I think you're (7) Is that better?

B: Yes, (8).....

Discussion

When was the last time you disagreed with someone?

Transcript

Paul: So?

Emir: I'm not convinced by that idea.

Paul: Why?

Emir: Well, this design is just too simple.

Paul: It's not simple, it's minimal. Plus, it's what the client asked for.

Emir: I'm not so sure. Look ... Look at these designs here. I think this is the style that the client wants.

Paul: Hmmm ... I think I disagree. They said they wanted it clean and minimal.

Emir: These designs are clean and minimal.

Paul: Look, don't get me wrong, Emir. I like them, but I don't think they fit the brief. For example, here, there's just a bit too much going on.

Emir: OK, I see what you mean, but without all the color, it would look a bit ... empty.

Paul: True. OK, how about taking that and that away? So, it still looks interesting, but less busy.

Emir: OK ... maybe you've got a point there. Actually, that has given me an idea.

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Emir: So, we remove the blue. I think that creates a nice balance.

Paul: Yeah, yeah. I think you're right. Changing the circles helped too.

Emir: I agree. So, we're happy with this now?

Paul: Yes, definitely.

Emir: So it looks like we can agree!

Paul: Occasionally.

