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SPEAKING

Giving an opinion • agreeing and disagreeing
I can express belief, opinion, agreement and disagreement politely.

1 **SPEAKING** Why do some students choose to leave school early and not go to university? Discuss with a partner.

2 **2.37** Listen to a dialogue between Tom and Susie. Look at the statements. Do Tom and Susie agree (A) or disagree (D)?



	Tom	Susie
1 Robert should leave school if he wants to be an actor.		
2 He doesn't need to do A levels.		
3 He might need to get a proper job.		
4 Robert's good-looking and talented.		
5 He should do his A levels first.		

3 **2.37** Listen again and number the expressions in the order you hear them.

SPEAKING FOCUS

Giving an opinion

I think he ...
I don't think it's ...
Personally, I think ...
I really believe ...
In my opinion, ...
If you ask me, ...

Agreeing

I couldn't agree more.
That's a good point.

Disagreeing politely

I see what you mean, but ...
That's true, but ...
I'm not so sure.

Disagreeing

I totally disagree!
Oh come on! That's nonsense.

4 Choose the correct option.

1 A: What do you think about single-sex schools?
B: I don't think / Personally, I think they're a good idea.
It isn't normal to separate boys and girls.

2 A: If you ask me, I think we get too much homework.
B: I'm not so sure. / I couldn't agree more. I never have time to do sport or relax in the evenings.

3 A: I don't think my pronunciation is very good.
B: I really believe it, / I see what you mean, but if you practise, I'm sure you'll improve.

4 A: I think the food in the school canteen is too expensive.
B: Oh come on! That's nonsense. / That's a good point.
If you go to a restaurant in town, you'll pay much more.

5 A: In my opinion, it's a waste of time going to university – I want to get a job and earn some money.
B: I totally disagree. / I couldn't agree more. If you go to university, you'll get a much better job.

5 **SPEAKING** Discuss the subjects in the box.

leaving school at sixteen
having extra lessons after school
learning by heart playing sport at school
wearing a uniform doing a gap year
skipping lessons

A: Ask what your partner thinks.

B: Give your opinion.

A: Agree or disagree and say why.

6 **SPEAKING** Your school has received a donation of €5,000. Photos 1, 2 and 3 show three possible ways your school could spend the money. Follow the instructions below and present your choice to the class. Use the SPEAKING FOCUS to help you.



1 Choose the option which, in your opinion, is the best for the school.

2 Support your choice with some reasons.

3 Explain why you have rejected the other options.

I think the school should spend the money on computers because ...

I don't think the school should choose option ... because ...

ROLE-PLAY 624 Giving an opinion

624 Watch the video and practise. Then role-play your dialogue.