

Discussion language (1): agreeing and disagreeing politely **REAL WORLD 2.1**

1 Match phrase beginnings 1–8 to endings a–h.

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| 1 Oh, do you | a still not convinced. |
| 2 Oh, I | b what you mean. |
| 3 I can't | c be right there. |
| 4 I suppose | d think so? |
| 5 Well, I'm | e argue with that. |
| 6 You might | f a good point. |
| 7 I see | g wouldn't say that. |
| 8 That's | h that's true, actually. |

2 Read opinions 1–6. Decide if **a** and **b** are agreeing (A) or disagreeing (D).

- I think he's done really well as manager this season.
 - a Oh, do you think so? **D**
 - b I suppose you've got a point there. **A**
- I think it's time people started supporting our local shops instead of using big supermarkets.
 - a I wouldn't say that. **___**
 - b I can't really argue with that. **___**
- The government ought to fine people who don't recycle paper and plastic.
 - a You might be right there. **___**
 - b I can't really see the point of doing that! **___**
- In my opinion, there's too much pressure on young people these days.
 - a I see your point. **___**
 - b I don't know about that. **___**
- Footballers are paid far too much, if you ask me.
 - a I suppose that's true, actually. **___**
 - b That's a good point. **___**
- The reason many people don't buy much organic food is because it's expensive.
 - a Well, I'm still not convinced. **___**
 - b I see what you mean. **___**



3 Read the conversations and fill in the gaps with these phrases.

I can't really see the point of that.
I see what you mean.
Oh, do you think so?
Well, I can't argue with that.
Well, I'm still not convinced.

- A My brother never lets his children watch TV at home.

B *I can't really see the point of that.*
They'll just watch it somewhere else instead.
- A That film was really boring.

B **_____**
I quite enjoyed it.
- A I don't eat red meat any more because all the evidence shows it's bad for you.

B **_____**
I'd prefer to see more research before I give it up.
- A Experts are now saying that teenagers need at least ten hours' sleep a night.

B **_____**
Alex is always bad-tempered the next day if he stays up late.
- A We think that making teenagers get a part-time job means they learn the value of money.

B **_____**
You're right, just as long as their school work doesn't suffer.