41/ Giving opinions

Words you need... 41.1

- **to be against something** to not agree with a plan or idea
- **to agree** to think that someone is right in what they believe
- **to disagree** to think that someone is wrong in what they believe
- **to be for something** to agree with a plan or idea
- **an opinion** something that someone thinks or believes about a subject
- **to support something** to agree with a plan

Adverbs for giving opinions

If you want to say that you strongly agree with someone, use the words **totally**, **completely** or **definitely** before the word **agree**:

- *I totally agree with you there, Nick.*
- *I completely agree with what you said.*
- *I definitely agree with Karl.*

To express an opinion that you are very sure about, use the words **definitely** or **certainly**:

- *The pizzas are definitely better in this restaurant.*
- *That's definitely true, Andy.*
- *She's certainly nicer than her brother!*

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences.

1 'What does Donna think about the problem?'
'She didn't give an *opinion* on it.'

2 Tom thinks their first album is their best, but I _____. I think their second album is better.

3 David thinks we should have party, and I _____ – I think it's a great idea.

4 I'm _____ the idea of having a nightclub in this part of town because it will be too noisy.

5 Do you _____ the plans for the new shopping mall?

6 Gene doesn't want them to build a new shopping mall, but I'm _____ it. I think this area needs more shops.

Exercise 2 41.2

Complete the dialogue. Listen and check.



Rick: The government wants more people from poor families to go to university. Do you [1] *agree* with that?

Dan: Oh, I'm definitely [2] _____ that. I think it's a great idea and I [3] _____ it.

Rick: Well, I [4] _____. I don't think it's a good idea at all.

Dan: Really? Why are you [5] _____ it?

Rick: I don't think students should get into university just because they are poor. I think people should go to university because they are clever and they pass their exams. That's my [6] _____ on the subject.

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