

3 1.17 Complete the Speaking box with the words from the box. Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

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SPEAKING | Problem-solving

Expressing indecision

I'm torn between ... and ...

I'm on the ¹ _____ (about) ...

I'm having ² _____ thoughts.

I can't make up my ³ _____.

On the one hand, ... but on the other hand, ...

I can't put my ⁴ _____ on it, but ...

Expressing agreement

You're ⁵ _____ on!

That's ⁶ _____ I was going to say!

Absolutely!

Expressing disagreement

It doesn't ⁷ _____ me.

I think we're on the wrong ⁸ _____.

That's a good point, but ...

Ok, but another option might be ...

Seriously?!

Reaching a decision

So, let's make a decision on this.

Okay, so shall we go ⁹ _____ ...?

It looks as if we agree that ...

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 It looks as if / like we agree that we need a recycling bin in each classroom.
- 2 I'm on / over the fence about it to be honest.
- 3 Absolutely! / Seriously?! That's exactly what I think too.
- 4 OK, but another option / decision might be to wait a bit longer.
- 5 So, let's do / make a decision on this, shall we?
- 6 I'm having second ideas / thoughts about our decision.

4 1.18 Complete the discussion with phrases from the Speaking box. Listen and check.

Sam Which poster do you prefer?

Milo I don't know. I'm ¹ _____ this one with the water bottle, and that one with the bright colours.

Jess I can't put ² _____, but the one with the water bottle doesn't ³ _____.

Milo Maybe it's just not as original?

Sam I don't think this idea will really inspire people to take part. It takes a lot of effort to remember to bring in a reusable bottle. We need to think about how to motivate people to do it.

Milo That's a ⁴ _____, but maybe that depends on how we present the concept?

Jess Yes, you're ⁵ _____, Milo! That's why we need a poster that really makes an impact.

Sam OK, let's make a decision on which poster then. Will ⁶ _____ the one with the bright colours?

Jess Yes, it looks ⁷ _____ that one is the best idea.

3 1.8 Complete the conversation with the correct words from the Speaking box. Listen and check. Which poster do the friends decide to use?

Dan So we have to choose one of these posters to promote our environmental campaign - the school clothes swap day. What do you think? I'm ¹ **torn** between these two.

Sia That's what I was going to ² _____! I can't make up my ³ _____ which one though. I mean - on the one ⁴ _____, the poster with the wave of clothes is visually striking, but on the other hand, the one with the two guys is quite funny.

Dan It is, but something about it doesn't ⁵ _____ me. I can't quite put my ⁶ _____ on it. Maybe it needs a better caption or something?

Sia That's a good ⁷ _____, but I'm not sure I can think of anything better.

Dan Maybe something like 'Clothes swap day - not just for girls!'

Sia Hmm. I think we're on the wrong ⁸ _____ with the gender thing. How about 'You never know what you'll find at clothes swap day'. Sort of like these two guys found each other among the clothes, if you know what I mean.

Dan I think you're ⁹ _____ on! I like it!

Sia OK, so will we ¹⁰ _____ with this one then?

Dan Definitely. I'll change the caption and print a few off.