4.3 THAT'S A GOOD POINT, BUT ...

1 FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: Exchanging opinions

A **Match the columns to complete the conversations.**

1	I really think professional athletes are paid too much. ____	**a**	As I see it, they have a responsibility to be good role models. ____
2	I find it very unfair that women athletes earn less than men. ____	**b**	Yes, absolutely. There's no reason they should earn less. ____
3	I don't really think it's better to watch sports live than on TV. ____	**c**	It's not so much that it's better. It's just different. ____
4	High school students should focus on their studies, not on sports. ____	**d**	Just a second. Pro athletes train really hard. They earn their salaries. ____
5	Don't you think we expect too much from professional athletes? ____	**e**	OK, that's a good point, but high school sports aren't all bad. ____

B **Complete the conversation with the expressions in the box.**

I really think	just a second	as I see it	that's a good point	I found it
it's just that	that's true but	it's not so much that		

Derek So, Elisa, what did you think of the book?

Elisa I hated it. [1] _____ really boring.

Derek Yeah, me too. [2] _____ it's the worst book we've read this year.

Tae-hyun Now, [3] _____. I liked it. It was so different from the stuff we usually read.

Elisa [4] _____, but being different doesn't mean it was good.

Tae-hyun Well, Derek, I'm surprised you didn't like it. You usually love science fiction.

Derek [5] _____ this book was more about the relationship between the two main characters – not really about the space travel. [6] _____, this book was really more of a love story.

Tae-hyun [7] _____ it's a love story, [8] _____ love is an important part of the story. I still think it's science fiction.

2 REAL-WORLD STRATEGY: Making opinions more emphatic

A **Correct the mistakes in the responses.**

1 A The Aztecs are the best team in the league.
B Sorry, I can't disagree more!

2 A Romantic comedies are always so dumb.
B That's not true in all!

3 A Manu Ginobili wasn't that great of a basketball player.
B You have it wrong!



3 FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE AND REAL-WORLD STRATEGY

A **Read the conversation. Circle the expressions that discuss or exchange opinions. Underline the expressions that make opinions more emphatic.**

A What are you doing?

B Just reading one of those online gossip sites.

A Why do you read that trash?

B Now just a second, there's a lot of really good celebrity news here.

A As I see it, it's mostly just lies. Hardly any of that stuff is true.

B That's not true at all. When Khloe Kardashian had her baby, where do you think I read about it? On this site. That wasn't made up, was it?

A OK, that's true, but it's still just gossip. It's not news – it doesn't have any effect on your life.

B You have it all wrong. I don't read this site for news. I read it to be entertained. Not every news site has to be serious.

A It's not so much that I think all news has to be serious, it's just that I think the stories on this site are so dumb. I don't even find it entertaining.

B Well I couldn't disagree more. Now, if you don't mind, I going to finish reading this article.

B **Read Yusef's and Abigail's opinions on camping. Then write a conversation between Yusef and Abigail about camping. Use expressions to discuss and exchange opinions, and to make opinions more emphatic.**

Yusef I love camping! I love getting out of the city and away from all the noise. It's just a lot of fun. You get to sleep outside and see the stars, cook over a fire, and maybe see some wildlife. It's really my favorite way to spend a weekend.

Abigail Camping is the worst! You have to sleep outside, and there are bugs everywhere. And I'm constantly scared that I'll see a bear or some other wild animal. I guess cooking over a fire is OK, but I can barbeque in my backyard!

Yusef _____

Abigail _____

Yusef _____

Abigail _____

Yusef _____

Abigail _____

Yusef _____

Abigail _____



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