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LearnEnglish

Speaking: B1

Agreeing and disagreeing

In this video, Emir and Paul discuss a design for a client. Listen to the language they use for agreeing and disagreeing and practise saying the useful phrases.

Before watching

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Put the phrases (a–h) in the correct group (1–2).

Groups	Phrases
1. Agreeing	a. I think I disagree.
.....	b. I'm not so sure.
2. Disagreeing	c. Maybe you've got a point there.
.....	d. Don't get me wrong, but I don't think so.
	e. I agree.
	f. I'm not convinced.
	g. I think you're right.
	h. Yes, definitely.

Tasks

Task 1

Decide which sentence gives the best summary of the video.

a. Emir and Paul discuss the design but can't agree on any changes.
b. Emir and Paul disagree on the design, but they make some changes and finally agree.
c. Emir and Paul both agree on the design and decide no changes are needed.

Task 2

Put the words in the correct order.

1. by not idea. I'm that convinced

2. so not I'm sure.

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3. disagree. I think I

4. they fit. get me think that wrong, but I don't Don't

5. what a bit empty. you mean, I see but it looks

6. there. point a got OK, maybe you've

7. you're I right. think

8. we like So agree! looks it

Task 3

Complete the dialogue.

convinced	definitely	get me wrong	got a point
I disagree	not so sure	right	what you mean

A: Here's my design for the new advertising campaign. What do you think?
B: I'm not (1)..... that this is what the client wants.
A: But they asked for bright colours.
B: I think (2)..... . They said they wanted the design to be fresh and fun.
A: But this design *is* fresh and fun.
B: I'm (3)..... .
A: Really?
B: Don't (4)..... , I like your design but it doesn't fit the brief.
A: I see (5)..... . I guess it's a bit too flashy.
B: What about changing the red and the stars?
A: Maybe you've (6)..... there. I think you're (7)..... . Is that better?
B: Yes, (8)..... .

Discussion

When was the last time you disagreed with someone?

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