

2E SPEAKING

1  17 Listen and repeat the phrases. How do you say them in your language?

SPEAKING | Problem-solving

EXPRESSING INDECISION

I'm torn between a new drinking fountain and a plastic recycling bin.
I'm on the fence about the advertising campaign.
I'm having second thoughts.
I can't make up my mind.
On the one hand, this is a fun idea, but on the other hand, not everybody can afford it.
I can't put my finger on it, but something's not right with the poster.

EXPRESSING AGREEMENT

You're spot on!
That's what I was going to say!
Absolutely!

EXPRESSING DISAGREEMENT

It doesn't grab me.
I think we're on the wrong track.
That's a good point, but I don't know if everybody will agree.
OK, but another option might be to reduce plastic use within the town.
Seriously?!

REACHING A DECISION

So, let's make a decision on this.
OK, so will we go with the first poster?
It looks as if we agree that the first poster is more suitable.

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.



3  18 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 ¹torn 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.

4 **ON A HIGH NOTE** Write a short conversation between two friends who want to organise a fundraising event for their school. Use phrases from this lesson.