

agreement

1 Verb + agreement

Use the correct form of these verbs:

break	cancel
get	honour
reach	sign

1. Make sure you look closely at the details before you enter into any agreement. Never an agreement without reading the small print first.
2. We reserve the right to this agreement if you fail to make the regular monthly payments.
3. You'll have to your parents' agreement if you want to go on the school trip.
4. When we make an agreement with someone, we always it. Our reputation depends on the fact that we adhere strictly to any agreement we make.
5. After hours of talking the two sides failed to agreement. They will meet again tomorrow in a final attempt to come to some sort of agreement.
6. By going on strike they the agreement they made earlier with their employer. They could be fired for breaching the terms of the agreement.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

amicable	binding
tacit	general
unanimous	verbal

1. It's best to get things in writing. agreements often don't stand up in court.
2. Nothing was said at the meeting. There seemed to be agreement that the subject of the manager's expenses wouldn't be discussed.
3. My wife and I came to an agreement when we split up. She got the house and I got the money. It worked out really well.
4. There is agreement in the medical profession that pregnant women shouldn't smoke.
5. It was not a agreement in their view, so they feel they can break it without penalty.
6. There is agreement that a new airport is needed. Nobody disputes that, but there is fundamental disagreement over where to build it.

Go back and underline the collocations.

3 Verb + disagreement

Use the correct form of the following verbs:

cause	express	have	resolve
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1. Protesters marched through London to their disagreement with government policy.
2. My wife and I don't many disagreements, but when they do arise, they tend to be over the best way to spend money.
3. Management and unions have been trying to their disagreement over proposals to reduce the workforce, but after three days of talks there is still no sign of an agreement.
4. I think the new timetables are certain to disagreement amongst staff.



"We're not protesters! We're only expressing our disagreement!"

Notes

1. Notice the differences in meaning in the following examples:
We are in complete agreement.
(We agree about everything.)
We are in broad agreement.
(We agree about most things.)
2. We use a number of adjectives to describe a serious disagreement:
There is considerable disagreement over the safety of genetically modified food.
There is profound disagreement on who should become the next leader of the party.
There is fundamental disagreement about the best way to fund the health service.
3. You can say there is 'considerable' or 'fundamental agreement', but you cannot say 'profound agreement'.