

## Exercise 2

Read the information. Then look at the phrases in the box. What are their functions? Complete the table with the phrases.

Questions that ask you to agree or disagree with a proposition are common in the IELTS Speaking test. Some questions may explicitly ask if you agree or disagree with an idea, but many will ask Yes / No questions, e.g. *Do you think ...?*

For this reason, it is important to be able to express your agreement or disagreement in a number of different ways, whether it be full agreement, partial agreement or disagreement. Learn phrases that native speakers use in these situations and practise using them before you do your Speaking test.

Make sure you clearly explain why you agree or disagree when answering these questions. Partial agreement is a good way to give extended answers in the Speaking test, because it allows you to talk about both sides of a question.

Yes, I would say so.	to some extent	Absolutely.	That's not how I see it.
That's not the case.	I couldn't agree more.	Without a doubt.	
I'd say the exact opposite (is true).	up to a point	I would say it depends.	
Not at all.	It's hard to say.		

expressing clear agreement	expressing clear disagreement	expressing partial agreement or disagreement