

HOW MEN AND WOMEN ARGUE

READING

1- Open your Student's Book and on page 65, read the article and mark the sentences True or False.

1- The argument Deborah Cameron describes happened because a wife considered her husband responsible for an accident she had.



2- In Papua New Guinea when a woman is arguing with her husband, he's supposed to reply to his wife's insults.



3- John Gray says that men are more assertive in arguments than women.



4- Edward thinks that he could win arguments more often if he were better prepared.



5- Christine Northam says that older men are less able than younger men to talk about their feelings.



6- She says that some women start crying during arguments only because they get truly upset.



7- Sarah thinks that her boyfriend is insensitive to her crying.



8- Christine Northam believes it is not difficult to learn new ways of dealing with arguments.



2- Look at the highlighted words and phrases which are related to arguing and match them to its synonyms. Use a dictionary if necessary

-Blamed

-Threatened

-Insults and swear words

-The fury

-Bring up

-Bother me

-Back up my argument

-Change the subject

-Hurtful

-In flood of tears

-get off the point

-annoy

-cry

-support

-intimidate

-accuse

-anger

-mention

-dirty words

-painful

LISTENING

3- You're going to listen to a psychologist giving some tips to help people when they disagree with somebody about something.

To listen, click here:



A- Listen once and tick (✓) the six things she says.

- 1 ☐ Think carefully what to say when you begin a discussion.
- 2 ☐ Try to 'win' the argument as quickly as you can.
- 3 ☐ Say sorry if something really is your fault.
- 4 ☐ Never avoid an argument by refusing to talk.
- 5 ☐ Don't say things that aren't completely true.
- 6 ☐ Don't shout.
- 7 ☐ Don't talk about things that aren't relevant to the argument.
- 8 ☐ Use another person to mediate.
- 9 ☐ Postpone the argument until later when you have both calmed down.
- 10 ☐ It's a bad thing for a couple to argue.

B- Look at the sentences from the listening and try to work out what the missing words are. Then listen and complete.

- 1- But of course it's **easier said** _____
- 2- If you're the person who's **in** _____, just admit it.
- 3- It's important to **keep things** _____
- 4- Raising your voice will just make the other person **lose** _____, too
- 5- Stop for a moment and **take** _____
- 6- It's also very important to **stick** _____
- 7- There's much more chance that you'll be able to **reach** _____
- 8- _____ **conflict** is an important part of any relationship.

