Advanced speaking skills
Speaking part 3: Collaborative task

Develop your speaking skills: exchanging ideas

1. Match each sentence with a function of exchanging ideas. Use each function twice.

1. Don't you think that long journeys are really tedious?
2. How about reading a book? That's a good way to spend time during a journey.
3. I'd rather get to a destination fast than go by the scenic route.
4. Even if it were possible to travel to Mars, I think the journey would put me off.
5. I couldn't agree more.
6. People must have got a lot done during long voyages in the olden days.
7. The few people who still don't travel by plane nowadays avoid it because they're scared.
8. Wouldn't you say that travel was completely different before the aeroplane?
9. I'm not at all convinced about that.
10. I much prefer long train journeys to long coach journeys.
11. I completely disagree.
12. One of the reasons why the jet plane is such an important invention is that it changed our concept of time and distance.
13. You're absolutely right, of course.
14. The easiest way to pass the time on a journey is probably sleeping, I'd say.

Functions

a. agreeing
b. disagreeing
c. giving a reason
d. evaluating and suggesting
e. expressing preference
f. speculating
g. asking for opinions

2. Listen to eight speakers (A-H) responding to the sentences in exercise I. Match the responses to the sentences. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

Speaker A _____

Speaker B _____

Speaker C _____

Speaker D _____

Speaker E _____

Speaker F _____

Speaker G _____

Speaker H _____