

1 FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: Asking for agreement and agreeing

A Complete the conversations with the words in the box.

agree don't especially know mean point right

A I've worked for this company for five years, and I've never gotten a raise. I should have gotten one by now, ¹ don't you think?

B Yeah, ² _____ when the company is doing so well.

A That's true. This has been the best five years in the history of the company, ³ _____?

B Yes, you're right.

A Everyone who has been here during that time should get a raise, you ⁴ _____?

B Yeah, I would ⁵ _____ with you. I think we've all helped the company grow over the last five years.

A And our team even came up with *all* of the new product ideas in the last three years.

B Good ⁶ _____. We should all ask Lúcio for a raise!

A We should! But I don't think we should do it today.

B Why not?

A Lúcio is in a really bad mood today, and when he's in a bad mood, he says "no" to everything.

B I see what you ⁷ _____. Let's do it when he's in a better mood.

2 REAL-WORLD STRATEGY: Softening an opinion

A Rewrite the opinions. Use *I guess* or *I feel like* to soften them. More than one answer is possible.

1 The TV is so loud. We should ask him to turn it down.

The TV is so loud. I guess we should ask him to turn it down.

2 I don't see the house. We're going the wrong way.

3 It's too late to call Dan. Let's call him tomorrow.

4 We've been waiting for a long time. The bus isn't going to come.

5 This cake tastes terrible. They used salt instead of sugar.

B Match the scenarios with the opinions.

- 1 The movie has started, but Claudio hasn't arrived. _____
- 2 You went to the address of the florist you used last year, but there's a shoe store there now. _____
- 3 You had a job interview and you couldn't answer a lot of the questions. _____
- 4 You were going to fly home today, but you broke your leg, so you have to stay a couple more days. _____
- 5 Sandra is very unhappy at work, and she complains about it a lot. _____

- a "I guess the store went out of business."
- b "I feel like she should quit her job."
- c "I guess he got stuck in traffic."
- d "I guess I have to change my flight."
- e "I feel like I'm not going to get the job."

3 FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE AND REAL-WORLD STRATEGY

A Complete the conversation using the expressions in the box. Use at least two expressions from each column.

Don't you think? , right?	Yeah, especially when Yeah, I would agree with you.	I guess I feel like
Don't you agree? , you know?	Good point. I see what you mean.	

A I'm trying to choose between two jobs. One of them is for a law office. It pays really well, but there's no chance for promotion. The other is for an online magazine. It doesn't pay as much, but I could get a promotion and more money eventually.

B *You don't really need a lot of money right now because you're living with your parents. Don't you think?*

- A** _____
- B** _____
- A** _____
- B** _____
- A** _____

