

41/Giving opinions

Words you need...



- ▶ **to be against something** to not agree with a plan or idea
- ▶ **to agree** to think that someone is right in what they believe
- ▶ **to disagree** to think that someone is wrong in what they believe
- ▶ **to be for something** to agree with a plan or idea
- ▶ **an opinion** something that someone thinks or believes about a subject
- ▶ **to support something** to agree with a plan

Adverbs for giving opinions



If you want to say that you strongly agree with someone, use the words **totally**, **completely** or **definitely** before the word **agree**:

- ▶ *I totally agree with you there, Nick.*
- ▶ *I completely agree with what you said.*
- ▶ *I definitely agree with Karl.*

To express an opinion that you are very sure about, use the words **definitely** or **certainly**:

- ▶ *The pizzas are definitely better in this restaurant.*
- ▶ *That's definitely true, Andy.*
- ▶ *She's certainly nicer than her brother!*

Exercise 1

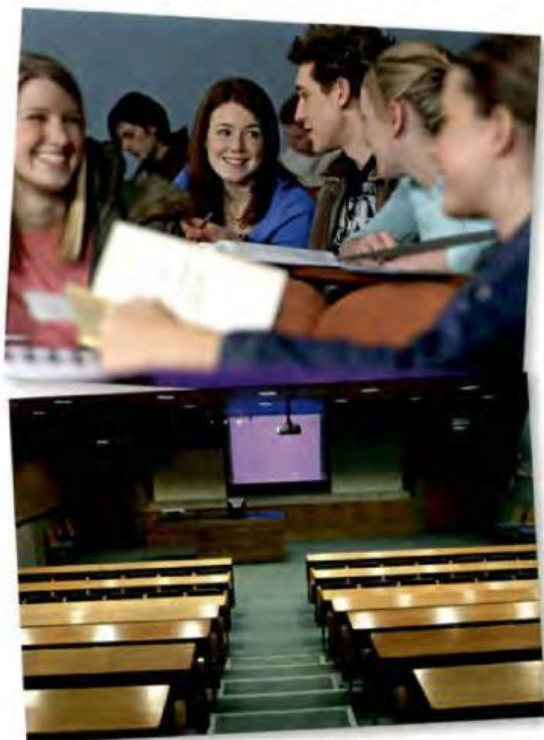
Complete the sentences.

- 1 'What does Donna think about the problem?'
'She didn't give an opinion on it.'
- 2 Tom thinks their first album is their best, but I _____. I think their second album is better.
- 3 David thinks we should have party, and I _____ – I think it's a great idea.
- 4 I'm _____ the idea of having a nightclub in this part of town because it will be too noisy.
- 5 Do you _____ the plans for the new shopping mall?
- 6 Gene doesn't want them to build a new shopping mall, but I'm _____ it. I think this area needs more shops.

Exercise 2



Complete the dialogue. Listen and check.



- Rick:** The government wants more people from poor families to go to university. Do you ¹ agree with that?
- Dan:** Oh, I'm definitely ² _____ that. I think it's a great idea and I ³ _____ it.
- Rick:** Well, I ⁴ _____. I don't think it's a good idea at all.
- Dan:** Really? Why are you ⁵ _____ it?
- Rick:** I don't think students should get into university just because they are poor. I think people should go to university because they are clever and they pass their exams. That's my ⁶ _____ on the subject.