

Giving an opinion



To say what you think about something, use phrases such as:

- ▶ *I think you're right. In my opinion, our last teacher was better.*

To give an opinion that you think someone may not agree with, say:

- ▶ *To be honest, I don't like her voice.*

Asking for someone's opinion: Use phrases such as:

- ▶ *What's your opinion of the film?*
- ▶ *What do you think about her new book?*

Agreeing

To tell someone that you understand their opinion, say:

- ▶ *I see what you mean.*

To agree strongly, say:

- ▶ *Absolutely.*

Disagreeing

To disagree in a way that is slightly less strong, start your sentence with:

- ▶ *Actually, I disagree.*
- ▶ *I'm afraid I don't agree with you there.*

Exercise 3

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- the best runner/he's definitely/in our school
He's definitely the best runner in our school.
- opinion her/in my/was better/last film

- agree with you/I completely/about the course

- think about/the plans/what do you/for the new library

Exercise 4



Put the sentences in the correct order to make two dialogues. Listen and check.

- _____ I'm afraid I don't agree with you. I think the internet stops people from talking to each other.
a I think the internet helps people to communicate.
_____ But people still talk to each other. The internet just gives them another way of communicating.
- _____ Amy Carter is definitely the best female singer of the last ten years.
_____ Well, in my opinion, neither of those two is as good as Carter.
_____ I disagree with you. To be honest, I can think of two or three female singers around today who are better, for example Molly Klein and Lara Morgan.

Pronunciation



Exercise 5

Underline the stressed syllable in each word. Listen and check.

- 1 actually
- 2 absolutely
- 3 definitely
- 4 opinion
- 5 certainly
- 6 disagree

Exercise 6

Match the statements (1–4) with the replies (a–d).

- 1 It's certainly her best book. _____
 - 2 In my opinion, it's the best restaurant in town. _____
 - 3 Modern apartments will look wrong in the old part of town. That's why I'm against them. _____
 - 4 What's your opinion of their manager? _____
- a To be honest, I don't think he's very good.
 - b Absolutely! We go there most weeks.
 - c Actually, I disagree. I think it's awful!
 - d I see what you mean, but we need more houses.

Use the words you've learned...

Give your own responses to these people's opinions.

- 1 In my opinion, people under 18 should never go to prison.
- 2 I think women are generally better drivers than men.
- 3 People in warm countries have more fun than people in cold countries.