

Giving your opinion

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Look at the following ways to describe your opinion.
Notice how we can vary the strength of our opinion.

A) Remaining neutral

- "I think (that)."
- "I feel (that)."
- "In my opinion"
- "As far as I'm concerned"
- "As I see it"
- "In my view"
- "To my mind"
- "Well, if you ask me I'd say ..." (fam.)."

B) Expressing a strong opinion

- "I'm absolutely convinced that."
- "I'm sure that."
- "I strongly believe that."
- "I have no doubt that."
- "I firmly believe that."
- "Without a shadow of a doubt, I'm for / I'm against this issue."

C) Asking someone to share their opinion with you

- "What do you think?"
- "What's your view?"
- "How do you see the situation?"
- "What do you reckon?"(fam.).
- "How do you see things?"
- "I'm interested in what X has to say. Let's hear him / Let's hear her out."

To agree or not to agree – That is the question!

In many everyday situations, whether at work or home people will be asked to give their opinion. This may also involve agreeing or disagreeing with colleagues and friends around you.

Look at the following degrees of agreement/disagreement.

A) Agreeing

- "I think you're right."
- "Yes, I see what you mean."
- "I agree with you."
- "Yes, I see what you're getting at"
- "Yes, I see where you're coming from"

B) Agreeing totally

- "I couldn't agree with you more."
- "You've hit the nail on the head there!"(fam.)
- "You're absolutely right."
- "I agree entirely."
- "I totally agree."
- "We really see eye to eye on that matter." (idiom)

C) Partially agreeing

- "I agree with you up to a point, but..."
- "That's quite true, but..."
- "I agree with you in principle, but..."
- "I see what you mean but don't you think that ..."

D) Disagreeing

- "I'm not sure I agree with you."
- "(I'm afraid) I don't agree."
- "(I'm afraid) I disagree."
- "(I'm afraid) I can't agree with you."
- "(I'm afraid) I don't share your opinion."

Note the diplomatic use of the expression "I'm afraid..." when disagreeing politely with someone.

E) Disagreeing totally

- "I don't agree at all."
- "I totally disagree."
- "You've got to be kidding!"(fam)
- "I couldn't agree with you less."