

# AGREEMENT OR DISAGREEMENT

Finally, within a conversation it will be common to agree or disagree with expressions of the people involved in the conversation.

How can we do that in English? How do I say I think what the person is saying is correct, or not correct? Well, no need to worry. Here we'll see how to do it.

**Expressing agreement or disagreement.** Learning about language and how to express yourself successfully is a useful life skill. At every moment of our daily life, we may have to give our opinion and deal with the others' opinion. Expressing opinion, agreeing and disagreeing with others' opinion is an important part of speaking English.

## **Agreement:**

A: I think that mothers work harder than fathers!

B: Me too!

A: Father's Day should be abolished!

B: I agree!

## **Disagreement**

A: I think mothers work harder than fathers!

B: Really? Not me. I think they both work equally hard.

A: Father's Day should be abolished!

B: I disagree. I think both of them deserve a day to be honored by their family.

From those examples, we can infer that in expressing agreement and disagreement, we can use certain phrases. What are those phrases?

## EXPRESSION

We use different patterns to agree or disagree depending on how the opinion statement begins.

If the opinion statement begins with “I,” then use the chart below to help you answer.

<b>Person #1 – Agrees</b> Me too! I do too! I can too! I will too! I did too! I would too!	<b>Person #2 – Disagrees</b> Not me! I don't! I disagree! I wouldn't. Really?
<b>Person #1 – Disagrees</b> Not me! I disagree! Really?	<b>Person #2 – ALSO Disagrees</b> Me neither! I don't either! I can't either! I won't either! I didn't either! I wouldn't either!

Now let's look at an opinion that doesn't begin with “I”.

<b>Person #1 – Agrees</b> I agree.  You're right.  Absolutely.	<b>Person #2 – Disagrees</b> I disagree.I don't think so.No way!
<b>Person #1 – Disagrees</b>  I disagree.  That's wrong.  I don't think so.	<b>Person #2 – ALSO Disagrees</b>  I also disagree.  I don't think so, either.

Here are some expressions you can use to agree and disagree. You will need to use these expressions in a discussion activity.

**Agreeing**

*That's right!*

*Absolutely!*

*Exactly!*

*Me too!*

**Disagreeing**

*I don't agree!*

*I totally disagree!*

*Absolutely not!*

**Partly agreeing**

*I agree up to a point, but ...*

*I see your point, but ...*

*That's partly true, but ...*

*I'm not so sure about that.*

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