

AGREEING AND DISAGREEING

B2-C1 | Functional language for responding to views

1 Useful phrase patterns

Choose a phrase that clearly shows agreement, disagreement, or a balanced response.

I couldn't agree more.

I couldn't agree more. The evidence is convincing.

That's a fair point.

That's a fair point. Cost is an important issue.

I see what you mean, but ...

I see what you mean, but the situation is more complex.

I agree to some extent. However, ...

I agree to some extent. However, it has limits.

I'm not sure I see it that way.

I'm not sure I see it that way. The benefits are unclear.

I take your point, but ...

I take your point, but there may be a better solution.

I'd challenge the idea that ...

I'd challenge the idea that technology always saves time.

I'm afraid I disagree.

I'm afraid I disagree. The risks are too serious.

2 Respond to the statements

Read each statement. Write your response. Try to use a range of phrase patterns.

1. Remote work is always better for employees than office work.

2. Governments should ban single-use plastic completely.

3. Artificial intelligence will improve most jobs.

4. Social media does more harm than good.

5. Public transport should be free in large cities.

6. University education is the best route to a successful career.

7. People should be able to work a four-day week without losing pay.

8. News organisations should not report on the private lives of public figures.

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3 Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable responses are also correct.

Encourage students to use a range of phrase patterns from page 1.

1. I see what you mean, but some employees value the social contact and structure of an office.

2. I agree to some extent. However, a complete ban needs affordable alternatives for businesses and consumers.

3. That's a fair point. Artificial intelligence may improve routine tasks, but workers will need support and training.

4. I'm not sure I see it that way. Social media can also help people find communities and useful information.

5. I take your point, but free transport would need reliable public funding to remain effective.

6. I'd challenge the idea that university is the best route for everyone because vocational training can be equally valuable.

7. I couldn't agree more. A shorter week could improve wellbeing if work is organised carefully.

8. I'm afraid I disagree. Some reporting is in the public interest when private actions affect public responsibilities.
