

## ◆ Expressing Opinions ◆

### *Statements*

In my opinion \_\_\_\_\_

Don't you think \_\_\_\_\_

It seems to me \_\_\_\_\_

According to \_\_\_\_\_

I feel \_\_\_\_\_

### *Agreements*

I agree.

That's right/true.

You're right.

That's a good point.

I think so, too.

### *Disagreements*

I'm afraid I disagree.

Maybe/Perhaps, but \_\_\_\_\_

I'm not sure I agree.

I don't agree.

## *Introductory Exercise*

Fill in the blanks with the words or phrases in **bold type**.

**Perhaps      true      afraid I disagree      my opinion**

1. A: In \_\_\_\_\_, camping is more fun than swimming.
2. B: I'm \_\_\_\_\_. I think camping is a little dangerous.
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_, but if you're careful, you'll have no problems.
4. B: That's \_\_\_\_\_.

**it seems      not sure I agree      That's a good  
I feel      You're right**

5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ pets are good for children.
6. B: \_\_\_\_\_ point. Having pets teaches kids to be responsible.  
But \_\_\_\_\_ to me pets are lot of work.
7. A: I'm \_\_\_\_\_. Some pets, like fish, are easy.
8. B: \_\_\_\_\_. But most kids want dogs or cats.

- Perhaps but    Don't you think    I agree    That's a good point**
9. A: \_\_\_\_\_ that we should change the legal driving age to 18 instead of 16?
10. B: \_\_\_\_\_ completely. People who are 16 and 17 cause more accidents than any other group.
11. C: \_\_\_\_\_ people over 80 years of age also cause a lot of accidents.
12. A: \_\_\_\_\_ . Perhaps we should permit people only between the ages of 18 and 79 drive.

*Agree or disagree with these statements.*

13. In my opinion, people should not own guns.  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Don't you think everyone should go to school until the age of eighteen?  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. American football is stupid.  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. I feel there's too much violence on TV.  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Children nowadays spend too much time playing computer games.  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Don't you think people eat too much fast food these days?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Student A

**Step 1.** First fill in the blanks. Then say your sentences to Student B. After Student B answers, give reasons for your opinions.

1. I feel \_\_\_\_\_ is the best city in the world.
2. In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_ is the best season.
3. Don't you think girls are harder workers than boys?
4. It seems to me you are the best student in this class.
5. I feel \_\_\_\_\_ is the most exciting sport to watch.
6. According to many travel agents, group tours are the best way to travel.

**Step 2.** Listen to Student B, choose one response, and give reasons for your opinion.

### *Agree*

7. You're right.
8. That's a good point.
9. I agree.
10. That's right.
11. I think so, too.

### *Disagree*

- Perhaps, but . . .
- I'm not sure I agree.
- I'm afraid I disagree.
- I don't agree.
- Maybe, but . . .

**Step 3.** With your partner, write several sentences in the space below, giving your opinion. Use the opinion statements.

**Step 4.** Find new partners and read your opinions to them. They will agree or disagree with you. Give the reasons for your opinion.

## Student B

**Step 1.** Listen to Student A, choose one response, and give reasons for your opinion.

### *Agree*

1. I agree.
2. That's true.
3. That's a good point.
4. That's right.
5. I think so, too.
6. I agree.

### *Disagree*

1. I'm afraid I disagree.
1. I'm not sure I agree.
- Perhaps, but . . .
- I don't agree.
- I'm not sure I agree.
- I'm afraid I disagree.

**Step 2.** First fill in the blanks. Then say your sentences to Student A. After Student A answers, give reasons for your opinion.

7. Don't you think single life is better than married life?
8. In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_ is the best country in the world.
9. I feel TV is \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. It seems to me you work too hard.
11. According to many psychologists, 30 years old is a good age to get married.

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