

## It's up for debate!



1. Put the phrases below into the correct column:

Do you agree?	The way I see it is...
In my opinion...	Can I add something here?
I don't think so.	I'm afraid I disagree.
I agree.	What are your thoughts on this?
What do you think?	That's not always the case.
Not necessarily.	I agree with you to an extent.
Exactly!	Do you have anything to say about this?
Absolutely!	Can I interrupt?
As far as I'm concerned..	Sorry to interrupts but...
Let's move on shall we?	Let's agree to disagree.
You have a point.	Don't you think?
I think...	You don't think ... do you?

Agreeing	Disagreeing	Neutral
Asking for an opinion	Interrupting	Settling an argument



2. You are going to listen to three people having a debate. Listen and answer the following questions:

1. What is the debate about?

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2. Which points do you find interesting?

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3. Who do you agree with the most?



3. Listen to the recording a second time and answer the following:

Which phrase or phrases are used to...

• ask for an opinion

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• to disagree

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• offer a neutral opinion

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• agree

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• interrupt

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• settle an argument

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4. Now pick a card and have some mini debates with your class!



Audio script for exercise 2 and 3:

Jack: I think everyone should be a vegetarian. It's the right thing to do don't you think?

Lucy: I'm afraid I disagree. I mean people have always eaten meat and people want to eat meat so why should they be forced to eat vegetarian food?

Jack : Well the way I see it is eating a plant based food would be better for the environment and kinder to animals.

Lucy: You have a point about the environment but we all do our bit in different ways. In my opinion there is nothing wrong with eating animals. That's what they're there for, it's the circle of life! I just think that...

Daniel: Can I interrupt? I think you're both right. Being vegetarian is good for the environment and even if you think eating animals is natural surely you don't agree with factory farming do you?

Lucy: No of course not but as far as I'm concerned as long as animals are treated humanely then its fine to eat them

Jack: Well I agree with you to an extent but how can you kill something humanely?

Lucy: By causing it no pain of course.

Peter: I think we'll just have to agree to disagree on this one.