

Discourse Strategies

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Agreeing and disagreeing

A. Use these expressions to agree or disagree with your partner. Agreeing and disagreeing encourages further discussion. Practice saying each.

<u>Agreeing</u>	<u>Disagreeing</u>
I TOTALLY agree.	I COMPLETELY disagree.
I COULDN'T agree MORE .	You CAN'T be serious!
You're RIGHT about that.	Really? I don't THINK so!
I AGREE with you on that one.	You don't REALLY believe that, do you?
You're ABSOLUTELY right.	I think you're WRONG on that one.

B. **Pair Work.** Take turns reading the prompts below to your partner and agreeing or disagreeing.

The way I see it, guys shouldn't get hair transplants or wear wigs. Bald guys are good-looking.	I think one of the easiest ways to look good is to eat healthy food and get plenty of exercise.
If you ask me, women always look more attractive without make-up.	I think inner beauty is more important than outer beauty.
I don't think people should worry too much about their weight.	The best way to lose weight is just not to eat for a couple of weeks.
Perfumes and colognes stink.	I think body piercing and tattoos are silly.
I think tanning salons are dumb.	Parents should get cosmetic surgery for their kids if it'll make them look more attractive.
Long nails and nail polish look good on men.	Your own idea:

C. Now practice agreeing and disagreeing as you do the Discussion Builder activities on page 47.