

## Discourse Strategies

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### Asking for agreement

A. Use these expressions to ask others to agree with you in a discussion. Asking for agreement can strengthen your argument and will help you understand others' points of view. Practice saying each.

<b>Asking for agreement</b>		
Don't you agree (that) ___?	Wouldn't you agree (that) ___?	___, wouldn't you say?
Don't you think (that) ___?	Wouldn't you say (that) ___?	___, don't you think?
Don't you feel (that) ___?		___, don't you agree?

B. **Pair Work.** Take turns using the prompts below to ask for agreement. Respond to your partner by agreeing or disagreeing.

credit cards can be dangerous	it's silly to spend a lot of money on clothing
you should put a certain percentage of your salary into savings every month	you should always pay your credit card bills off every month
it's OK to splurge on luxury items once in a while	it's smart to shop around for a while before you make a purchase
window shopping is the best kind of shopping because you don't spend any money	it's better to spend money on education and travel than clothes and jewelry
women like to spend more time shopping than men do	men generally hate shopping
parents shouldn't buy their kids everything they ask for	Your own idea:

C. Now practice asking for agreement as you do the Discussion Builder activities on page 83.