

# 12.4 Speaking and writing

## Speaking agreeing and disagreeing

- 1a** 12.3 ))) Listen to three short conversations at an advertising agency. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

### Conversation 1

- The two speakers are talking about an advert for ...  
a a skirt.                      b a pair of trousers.
- In the end, the two speakers ...  
a agree.                      b disagree.

### Conversation 2

- The two speakers are talking about an advert for ...  
a a watch.                      b a necklace.
- In the end, the two speakers ...  
a agree.                      b disagree.

### Conversation 3

- The three speakers are talking about an advert for ...  
a a new lipstick.      b a new toothpaste.
- In the end, the three speakers ...  
a agree.                      b disagree.

- b** 12.3 ))) Listen again and tick the two phrases that the speakers use in each conversation.

### Conversation 1

*Asking if someone agrees*

- Would you agree? \_\_\_\_
- Don't you agree? \_\_\_\_
- What's your view? \_\_\_\_
- Wouldn't you say ...? \_\_\_\_

### Conversation 2

*Disagreeing*

- I'm not sure about that. \_\_\_\_
- Yes, but I can't help thinking ... \_\_\_\_
- Well, I agree up to a point, but ... \_\_\_\_
- I totally disagree. \_\_\_\_

### Conversation 3

*Agreeing*

- I couldn't agree more. \_\_\_\_
- That's a good point. \_\_\_\_
- That's just what I was thinking. \_\_\_\_
- You might be right. \_\_\_\_

## Writing advantages and disadvantages essay

- 2a** Read the essay and choose the best title.

- What are the advantages of selling our clothes online?
- Should we shop for clothes online or not?
- Are clothes online better than those in the high street?

These days, more and more people are buying their clothes on the internet rather than in the high street. Obviously, this is bad news for high-street shops. But is it also something that we, as consumers, should think more carefully about before we click on the basket icon and make our purchases? Are there **<sup>1</sup>disadvantages as well as advantages** to buying clothes online?

There are, of course, **<sup>2</sup>a number of advantages** to shopping online. **<sup>3</sup>A significant advantage** is that it is quick and easy. **<sup>4</sup>A further advantage** is that it tends to be much cheaper because we can shop around to find a bargain. Online retail sites also have fewer costs than high-street shops, so they can keep their prices low.

On the other hand, there are **<sup>5</sup>a number of disadvantages** to buying everything online. **<sup>6</sup>A significant disadvantage** is that you can't try on clothes when you shop online, so you might choose the wrong size or colour, or find out that an item of clothing doesn't suit you once it arrives. **<sup>7</sup>A further disadvantage** is that by shopping online you miss out on the high street experience, which, for many people, is a leisure activity. Going to the city centre with friends, trying on clothes and buying new things is much more fun than shopping at home by yourself. **<sup>8</sup>Overall**, buying clothes online is obviously a useful way of adding to our wardrobes. However, there is still a place for the high-street shop.

- b** Read the essay again. Match phrases a–h to the phrases in bold in the essay (1–8) that have a similar meaning.

- one major problem 6
- both problems and benefits to \_\_\_\_
- one major positive \_\_\_\_
- several problems with \_\_\_\_
- another benefit \_\_\_\_
- broadly speaking \_\_\_\_
- several benefits \_\_\_\_
- another drawback \_\_\_\_

### I can ...

- use verbs and dependent prepositions.  
agree and disagree with someone.

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