

7.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking agreeing and disagreeing

- 1 Divide the following phrases into two categories: (A) agreeing and (B) disagreeing.

- 1 Absolutely! ___
- 2 Come off it! ___
- 3 I beg to differ. ___
- 4 I can't agree with you there. ___
- 5 I completely agree. ___
- 6 I couldn't agree more. ___
- 7 I don't think anyone would disagree with that. ___
- 8 I'm with you there. ___
- 9 I'm not sure about that. ___
- 10 I'm not sure I quite agree. ___
- 11 That's just what I was thinking. ___
- 12 That's not really how I see it. ___
- 13 True enough. ___
- 14 You can't be serious! ___

- 2a Complete the conversation with phrases from the box.

Come off I can't agree I quite agree with it
That's true enough Well, I don't think You can't be serious

- A Have you seen that they are planning to bring in new laws about driving while distracted?
B Yes, but I'm not sure ¹ I quite agree with it.
A Really?
B Yes, I don't think the government should be telling people how to drive.
A ² _____! You don't think it's dangerous for people to text while they drive, for example?
B ³ _____ anyone would disagree with that, but I don't feel it's a problem for someone to have a drink of water, for example.
A ⁴ _____ with you there. People need to concentrate on driving.
B ⁵ _____, but I'm not sure you can't drive and do some other things at the same time. Do you think people shouldn't listen to music, for example?
A ⁶ _____ it! That's not the same thing at all.

- b 7.5))) Listen and check your answers.

Writing writing a persuasive letter/email

- 3 Complete the phrases with one word from the box. There are more words than you need.

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- 1 I feel strongly that ...
 - 2 This _____ must be addressed ...
 - 3 I hope you will feel able to add your _____ to this campaign.
 - 4 ... _____ something is done to ...
 - 5 I am writing to _____ you ...
 - 6 I look forward to your _____.
- 4 Complete the letter with phrases 1–6 from exercise 3.

Dear Ms Jones,

a 5 to support our campaign to stop pharmaceutical companies from producing Antarctic krill oil as a health supplement containing Omega-3 fatty acids. Krill are tiny sea creatures which many endangered species, such as whales, penguins and seals depend on for food. The amount of krill is dropping and b _____ prevent companies causing further shortages, krill may become very scarce.

We know that krill populations have already dropped by 80% since the 1970s, and the number of penguins has also declined sharply. c _____ other ways to produce these supplements should be explored using plants or farmed fish.

d _____ or the consequences for the Antarctic ecosystem are likely to be disastrous. e _____.

f _____.

I can ...

agree and disagree.

Very well Quite well More practice

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