



EXPRESSING OPINIONS & DEBATING

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Part 1 – The Opinion Line

Choose **one** statement.

1. People should work fewer hours.
2. Everyone should learn another language.
3. Social media does more harm than good.
4. Money is more important than free time.
5. Cities should have fewer cars.
6. Online shopping is better than shopping in stores.

Decide where you stand:

STRONGLY AGREE ← — — — → **STRONGLY DISAGREE**

Mark your position: _____

Now explain your position to your partner.

You must give:

- ☐ your opinion
- ☐ at least two reasons
- ☐ one example

Part 2 – You Have a Different

Opinion

Your partner disagrees with you.

Don't simply say **"You're wrong."**

Respond naturally.

Try to:

- acknowledge their idea
- explain your own position
- give another reason

Useful language

- "I see what you mean, but..."
- "That's a good point.
However..."
- "I hadn't thought about that."
- "You may be right, but..."
- "I still think..."

Part 3 – The Group Decision

Imagine your town has **\$1 million** to improve life for local people.

The money can only be used for **one** project.

Choose one:

- A.** Build a large public park.
- B.** Improve public transport.
- C.** Build a free sports and fitness centre.
- D.** Improve roads and parking.
- E.** Build a new public library and learning centre.
- F.** Create more public spaces for young people.

Discuss

What should the town choose?

Give reasons.

Listen to the other opinions.

Try to reach one group decision.

Your group chooses:

Our reasons:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Part 4 – Final Debate

Now imagine another group chose a different project.

They think their idea is better.

You have **two minutes** to prepare.

Then discuss:

“Why is our idea better for the town?”

During the discussion, try to:

- ☐ give an opinion
- ☐ give reasons
- ☐ give an example
- ☐ agree with one idea
- ☐ disagree politely
- ☐ ask a question
- ☐ respond to another person's argument
- ☐ change your mind if someone gives you a strong reason

Part 5 – One Last Question

After the debate, answer:

Did anyone change your opinion?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain.

REAL ENGLISH BOX

Natural debate language

Giving your opinion

- “I'd say...”
- “The way I see it...”

Supporting your idea

- “The main reason is...”
- “For example...”

Agreeing

- “Exactly.”
- “That's a good point.”

Partly agreeing

- “I see what you mean, but...”

Disagreeing

- “I'm not sure I agree.”
- “I look at it differently.”

Changing your mind

- “That's a good point. I hadn't thought about that.”
- “You've got me thinking.”