

Practice Speaking Techniques 4 EXPRESSING OPINIONS



## **Expressing opinions**

Put the expressions in the correct box

	Weak
I think I don't think I'm quite certain that I would have thought that I don't doubt that	Medium
I believe I feel sure that My impression is that As I see it	
It seems to me that	Strong

# Agreeing and disagreeing

Put the expressions in the correct box:

	Agreeing
I agree completely.	
I wouldn't like to say.	
Yes, but	
I couldn't agree more.	
You could be right.	
Come off it!	
Up to a point, but	
I'm inclined to agree with you on that.	Neither agreeing nor disagreeing
I'm afraid I can't go along with you on that.	
I can't say.	
Exactly, but don't you think that	
I suppose that's true.	
I think I agree.	Disagreeing
Perhaps	
You're dead right there.	
You have a point but	
I'm sorry but I really can't agree.	
You must be joking!	

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#### **Check your answers**

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Weak	Agreeing
My impression is that	You could be right.
I would have thought that	I suppose that's true.
I think	I think I agree.
I don't think	I'm inclined to agree with you on that.
	I agree completely.
	I couldn't agree more.
	You're dead right there.
Medium	Neither agreeing nor disagreeing
I believe	I wouldn't like to say.
As I see it	I can't say.
It seems to me that	Perhaps
Strong	Disagreeing
I feel sure that	Yes, but
I'm quite certain that	Exactly, but don't you think that
I don't doubt that	Up to a point, but
	You have a point but
	I'm afraid I can't go along with you on that.
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#### **Talking points**

As well as using these expressions, how can you indicate the strength of your feeling? Is it easier to express a strong feeling in English or in your own language? What cultural differences do you have to think about when expressing opinions?

### Follow-up work

Choose your favourite expression from each box – the one that feels most natural to you – and make sure you use it in conversation as often as possible.

Slowly build up your repertoire of expressions, making sure you practice them often.

Collect some conversation topics to use with your friends so you can practice these expressions.

Record yourself saying these expressions – check your pronunciation.

Collect more expressions like these from your listening in English.