

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity

Focus

Agreeing, disagreeing, showing surprise

Aim

To agree, disagree and show surprise using a variety of structures.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet and cut into cards as indicated. You should have one card for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a fun agreeing and disagreeing speaking activity to help students practice language for expressing agreement, disagreement and surprise.

Procedure

Write the following expressions on the board:

Agreeing	Disagreeing	Showing surprise
So do I.	Actually, I'm not	Really?
So am I.	that keen on	Why's that?
So would I.	... myself.	How come?
Nor do I.	Actually, I don't	Do you really?
Nor am I.	really like	Are you really?
Nor would I.	... myself.	Would you really?

Go through the different expressions and explain how they are used. Then, express an opinion, e.g. 'I love staying home at the weekend'. Ask the students to react using the expressions on the board.

Next, give each student a card and ask them to read the opinion on the card. Explain that the students are going to pretend that the opinion on the card is their own.

The students then find a partner and tell them their opinion. Their partner reacts with one of the expressions on the board and asks a follow-up question.

Example:

A: I'm really into sports and fitness.

B: So am I. What sports do you play?

Students should try to keep the conversation going for a short time. Afterwards, the students swap roles.

When they have finished, the students exchange cards and find a new partner.

The process is then repeated.

After about ten minutes, stop the activity, and ask the students to turn over their opinion card and write an opinion of their own on the blank side of the card.

Then, repeat the activity with students using their own opinions.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

I'm really into sports and fitness.

I don't understand why people like drinking beer. It tastes awful.

I think English is really easy to learn.

I quite like dance music.

I'd really like to try jet skiing.

I think the best way to start the day is with a nice cup of coffee.

I never eat hamburgers or any kind of fast food.

I don't like visiting museums.

I'm not really into football that much.

I love going sightseeing when I am on holiday.

I would never go travelling alone.

I'd love to go to Egypt someday.

I think grammar is the most important thing to learn when you study English.

I'm really into sports bikes, racing, that sort of thing.

I would only take a job if it was highly paid.

I think the best thing about visiting a new country is the food.

I'd really like to be a professional musician one day.

I really dislike cats. They are very unfriendly.