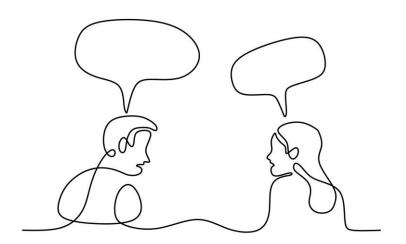


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- 1. Argue, Discuss and Debate
  - What's the Difference?



### An argument



- A point of view
- The root 'arg' means 'to shine',
   so you are shining a light on your opinions

#### A discussion



- sharing of arguments with others
- In Latin the word discussion meant 'to shake apart', so you are untangling different opinions

#### A debate



- used to mean to 'contend or fight for'
- using skill to defeat the arguments of the opposition

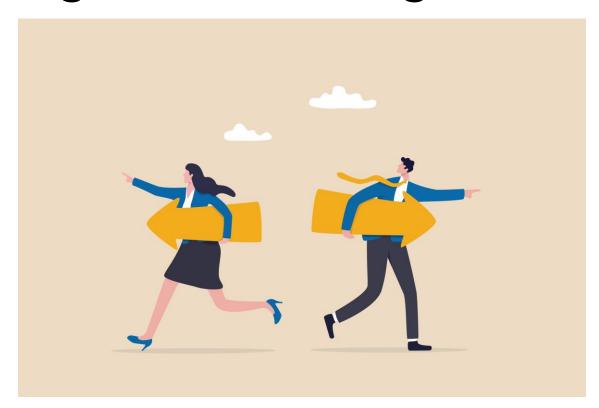
### 2. Types of Discussion



### **Types of Discussion**

- Make decisions (e.g. decide who to invite to a party and where to seat them)
- Give and / or share their opinions on a given topic (e.g. discussing beliefs about the effectiveness of capital punishment)
- Create something (e.g. plan and make a poster as a medium for feedback on a language course)
- Solve a problem (e.g. discussing the situations behind a series of logic problems)

3. How to Show Disagreement and Agreement



**Concede + conjunction + fact** 

Concede one of their points.

then

Use a conjunction to introduce a counter argument.

then

Provide a fact to back up your counter argument.

### Concede + conjunction + fact

For example, you might say:

Concede	conjunction	fact
I agree that vitamins	but	in a recent study it was suggested
are good for you		that we should limit our intake of
		vitamin supplements.

### **Expressing Doubt**



- I'm not sure if...
- I'm not convinced that...
- I wonder if you realize that...
- I doubt that.

### **Expressing Disagreement**



- I don't agree with you about...
- I can't accept your view that...
- I'm of a different opinion...

### **Expressing Support**



- You're quite right.
- That's a very important point.
- You've got a good point there.
- I couldn't agree with you more.
- You look the words right out of my mouth.

### **Giving Reason**



- The reason for this is (that)...
- I base my argument on...
- I tell you all this because...

### **Expressing pros and cons**



- There are two sides to the question.
- On the one hand...,on the other hand...
- An argument for/ in favour of/ against if...
- Some people think that...,others say that...

### Filers in Conversation (in speaking)

#### At the beginning of a sentence

Um... By the way,...

Ok/ All right, ... At any rate...Anyhow...

Well/ Well, anyway... You know,...

So/ So then,... What I mean is...

So...where was I saying? /where was I?

### Filers in Conversation (in speaking)

#### In the middle of a sentence (usually)

- I mean: This is, I mean, going to be challenging.
- I guess: Well, I guess the problem is that I'm tired.
- Kind of: This kind of makes sense
- Adverbs such as "absolutely", "actually", "really", "sure",
   "seriously": I mean, seriously, do you believe that?

### Filers in Conversation (in speaking)



At the end of a sentence

Though: This is going to be hard, though.

Right?: This is going to be easy, right?

### Don't say:



I know you're going to say something about numbers and you can stop right there because I've already thought about it.

Do say:



I understand that you believed that the numbers are important in this argument, however I would like to suggest that...



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### 4. Argumentation Links



### **Argumentation Links**



Generalization

**Examples** 

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conclusion

#### Generalization

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Generally,
In general,
Mostly,
Typically,
Generally speaking,
Usually,
Most of the time,
From time to time
```

+ I like to sleep with the windows open.

### **Example**

For instance,

To give you an idea, + these dots on this paper

To illustrate my point, represent the stages of life.

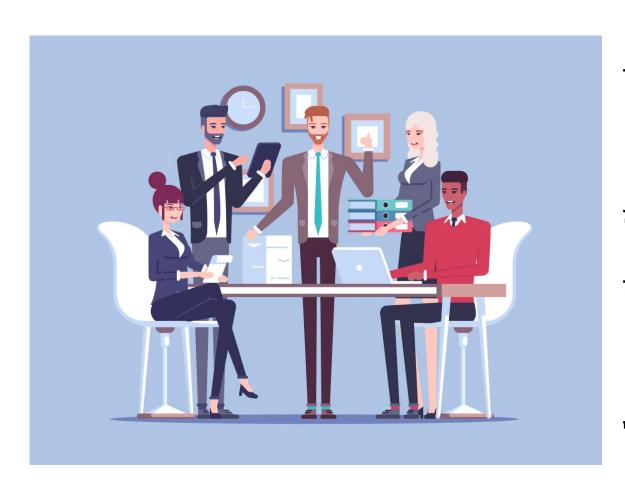
### **Exceptions**

- Sure but there are exceptions, of course.
- An exception to that is when you have your boyfriend over to visit.
- Except that you have a bad boss.
- One exception is this movie which is not popular.
- Not counting those mornings when you've stayed out late the night before.
- This does not include your husband.

### **Summarizing**

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So in short,
So you see,
To conclude,
To sum up,
So finally,
All in all,
In short,
In brief,
To put it into a few words,
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+ beauty isn't everything.



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What is the missing element in this useful format for showing disagreement? concede + \_\_\_\_\_ + fact



- a. Conjunction
- b. Debate
- c. Preposition
- d. Invention
- e. Sentence

Select the correct response to encourage the opposition to trust you.



- a. Sorry, I wasn't listening then.
- b. I think your point about the future is really unreasonable.
- c. We have more in common than you think.

It makes you think about the other side of the debate. Why is that useful?



- a. It will help you to confuse the audience.
- b. It helps you to be more closed minded.
- c. It shows your opposition you are open minded and have thought about the topic from all angles.

\_, I finally made my fortune.



- a. Mostly,
- b. So you see,
- c. To give you an idea,

#### How to express support to the idea we agree?



- a. I mean, seriously, do you believe that?
- b. There are two sides to the question.
- c. I couldn't agree with you more.
- d. I understand that you believed that the numbers are important, however I'd like to suggest another way to develop it.

