Useful phrases for a discussion

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| Agreeing with someone    | Disagreeing with someone    |
| Asking for an opinion    | Coming to a conclusion1 or a compromise    |

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| Useful phrases |
| Can we find a compromise? • If I understand you correctly … • Could you let me finish, please? • Absolutely! • For example, look at … • That’s probably true, but … • Do you really think …? • What do you mean by …? • I think you are wrong. • It isn’t as simple as that. • I’m convinced that … • Another reason is that … • The conclusion seems to be … • … |

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Useful phrases for a discussion (Lehrermaterial) Lösungen

1. Look at the boxes and write down phrases you already know. (Musterlösung)

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| Giving an opinionI’m convinced that … / I think that … / In my opinion … / I believe … / I’m sure … / I thinks it’s clear/obvious that … / …  | Giving examplesTake …, for example. / For example, when you think about … / For instance, look at … /One example is … / …  |
| Agreeing with someoneAbsolutely! / You’re right. / I think so too. / That’s a very good point. / I agree with … / That’s true. / …  | Disagreeing with someoneI don’t think … / I don’t agree with … / It isn’t as simple as that. / I think you’re wrong. / That’s probably true, but …  |
| Asking for an opinionWhat’s your opinion? / If I understand you correctly … / Do you really think …? / What do you mean by …? / …  | Coming to a conclusion1 or a compromiseCan we find a compromise? / Let’s find a compromise. / Let’s sum up our discussion. / The conclusion seems to be … / …  |

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2. You and your family are late for your grandma’s birthday party. Write a short dialogue about the situation. (Musterlösung)

Grandma: Where have you been? I was worried about you.

Dad: I’m sorry, mum. There was a lot of traffic and my phone wasn’t working.

Grandma: I’m convinced someone else in the family had a phone with them. David, why didn‘t you call me?

You: It isn’t as simple as that, Grandma. I didn’t have enough money on my phone for a call.

Grandma: Do you really think this will make the cooked food warm again?

Dad: Of course not, mum. But could we find a compromise? Let’s go out for dinner and celebrate your birthday there instead!

Grandma: That’s probably a good idea but please call next time when you’re late. Let’s be thankful we can all celebrate together.