Agreement and disagreement

1. Look at this checklist; tick the choice that represents your answer

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Compare your answers with a classmate. Did you tick the same pictures? Why?
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Look at this checklist. These are Fernanda’s answers to the previous exercise.

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Are Fernanda’s answers similar to yours or your classmate’s?

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Are Fernanda’s answers wrong and yours or those of your classmate right? Why?
When you talk about actions that you agree or disagree, you are expressing your likes and dislikes. In this study guide you will practice how to use expressions to confirm or deny information and also, to agree or disagree with certain ideas.

Graphic organizer

Look and read the following graphic organizer. In it, you will find the main expressions to use to show agreement and disagreement.

You like the idea.
Ex: that’s a good point
That’s absolutely true
That’s exactly what I think

You dislike the idea
Ex: It’s not true
I refuse it
I don’t believe it

Expressing agreement
- The simplest way to express agreement is with a statement:
  Ex. Yes, it is / It’s ok/ I believe it.
- To make the agreement friendlier, a question tag may be added
  Ex. A. I love ice cream A. This teddy bear is cute, isn’t it?
      B. So do I            B. yes, it is.

*** Remember: if you want to express partial agreement, you could use BUT.
Ex. I like ice cream BUT I love chocolate
    The teddy bear is cute BUT that stuffed rabbit is the cutest.
Expressing disagreement

- The simplest way to express disagreement is with a statement:
  Ex. no, it isn’t / it’s wrong / I don’t believe it.

- To disagree with an opinion, one of the following phrases can be used:
  Ex. I disagree / I don’t think so / I’m afraid you are wrong etc.

*** Remember: if you want to soften your disagreement, you could use expressions like: well, personally, as a matter of fact, among others.

Ex. A. I like pop music.                         A. I hate chocolate.
    B. Well, I like rock music.             B. Personally, I love chocolate.
Now, Let’s practice!

1. Look carefully and classify the following expressions in the correct column. If you have any questions or doubts, you may ask your teacher.

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<td>It’s incorrect.</td>
<td>That's absolutely true!</td>
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2. Check and compare your answers with a classmate.

3. Using expressions from exercise 1, complete the following sentences. Next to each sentence, indicate if you are agreeing or disagreeing with someone.

a. A) What do you think about this laptop?
   B) Mmm,_________________________ _________________________________

b. A) I think you should quit using your computer!
   B) Ah! What are you saying! ___________ ______________________________

c. A) I believe that Tomas’ website is the best!
   B) Yes, definitely.______________________ ______________________________

4. Using expressions from exercise 1, read the following statements. Do you agree or disagree with them? If you agree, confirm the information providing examples. If you disagree, deny the information providing examples. Use as many expressions as you can.

a. If you don't want to be replaced by a computer, don't act like one." Arno Penzias.
   ___________________________________________________________________
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b. They say one of a baby's first non-verbal forms communication is pointing. Clicking must be somewhere just after that."
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C. Computers have lots of memory but no imagination. Author Unknown
   ___________________________________________________________________
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Time to sum up.
Using all the information that you learned in this session

Why is it important to learn expressions to agree or disagree about information?