

Disagreeing with a Decision

JERRY: I don't want to **make waves** here, but I don't think Kim is making a good financial decision for our company.

Linda: Oh, I don't know. Maybe you just don't see **eye to eye**? I think she's done a lot of research and **knows what she's doing**. She's generally quite good at making decisions. It's why they pay her the **big bucks**.

Jerry: Well, I understand why you'd think that. You were **born with a silver spoon in your mouth**, just like Kim, and have never really been **short on cash**. Anyway, it's some **food for thought**!

Linda: To play the **Devil's advocate**, making big decisions is **second nature** to her. She's great at it!

Jerry: Hmm...okay. Let's **agree to disagree**. We're never going to **settle** this I think.

Vocabulary

See eye to eye: Agree with someone.

Born with a silver spoon in your mouth: Someone who comes from a wealthy family who doesn't have to work that hard in life.

Food for thought: Something to think about.

Make waves: To cause trouble.

Devil's advocate: Someone who takes the other side in an argument.

Knows what she's doing: Sure of something or do something correctly.

Agree to disagree: To stop talking about something controversial when you can't agree.

Settle: Decide or agree to something.

Big bucks: To have a very high salary.

Second Nature: Something that someone does easily and well because they have done it so often.

Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrase or idiom.

agree to

1. My mom and I had to finally disagree because there was no way we could understand each other's point of view.
2. I'm not trying to waves but I just don't agree with what's going on at my company.
3. I'm thinking about changing jobs. My boss and I don't see eye to eye.
4. My cousin was born with a silver spoon and has never had to work a day in his life.
5. My younger brother's most annoying habit is his need to always play the devils advocate food for thought.
6. That newspaper article had some thought in it.
7. I've learned so much from my teacher. I can see she knows what she's doing.
8. I was hoping to not have to settle for that job because the salary isn't great but it's tough in this economy.
9. Skating is nature to him. He's been doing it since he was three.
10. He has a ton of responsibility but that's why they pay him the big bucks.