

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: Hmmm...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.

1. My mom and I had to finally ^{agree to} disagree because there was no way we could understand each other's point of view.
2. I'm not trying to ^{make} 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 ^{in the mouth} most annoying habit is his need to always play the devils advocate.
6. That newspaper article had some ^{food for} thought in it.
7. I've learned so much from my teacher. I can see she know ^{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 ^{second} 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.