

# Practice with Dialogues

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Practice and use these group discussion expressions that you learned through the lecture videos. At the same time, think about what you can do before and during meetings to make everyone feel comfortable during the group discussion. Working on these language and culture skills will help you improve your spoken English and achieve your goals as a working professional.

1. A speaker opens the meeting, states what it will be about and asks each member to respond.

## **Type of response: Agree**

*a. Yes, I agree.*

*b. It looks good to me.*

*c. I think so too.*

*d. I definitely agree.*

2. One of the speakers is describing something but the information you have is different.

## **Type of response: Disagree**

*a. I'm afraid I don't agree.*

*b. I 'm sorry but I don't agree.*

*c. That's interesting, but I'd prefer something different.*

*d. Actually, I disagree.*

3. A speaker asks you a question but you don't hear it clearly or don't understand it.

## **Type of response: Clarify**

*a. Excuse me, I didn't hear that. Could you say it again?*

*b. Sorry, I missed what you just said. Could you repeat that please?*

*c. I'm sorry, could you say that again?*

*d. Excuse me, could you repeat that?*

4. The speaker gives you more information to help you understand.

## **Type of response: Show you Understand**

*a. Thanks, now I get it.*

*b. I see.*

*c. I understand now. Thank you*

*d. Thank you, it's a lot clearer to me now.*

5. You have some important information you want to contribute to the discussion but another person is talking.

**Type of response: Interrupt**

*a. Excuse me, can I say something here?*

*b. Could I interrupt you for a minute?*

*c. Sorry to interrupt, but I'd like to say something here.*

6. You notice that one of the people at the meeting hasn't had a chance to speak.

**Type of Response: Invite**

*a. So what do you think?*

*b. Can you give me your thoughts on this?*

*c. Do you agree?*

*d. What's your opinion?*

7. The meeting is going well and the speakers are very interesting.

**Type of response: Show Interest**

Nod, look at the speaker and say,

*a. That's interesting.*

*b. Really?*

*c. I see.*