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6 Minute English worksheet

Is it OK to disagree?



Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/4johBiv>

1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?

2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.

- What do the presenters say the episode is about?
- What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?

a) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

b) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

c) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

d) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

e) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

f) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. Which word means 'in disagreement and not together'?
 - a) dividend
 - b) divided
 - c) developed
2. Which phrase refers to a simple solution to a complicated problem?
 - a) a bronze bullet
 - b) a silver bullet
 - c) a gold bullet
3. "I heard them arguing and, so I walked in the room to try to take the _____ out of the situation. They were so angry."
 - a) aroused
 - b) heat
 - c) motivation
4. Which adjective means 'willing to listen to and consider new ideas'?
 - a) open-minded
 - b) closed-minded
 - c) wide-minded
5. What does Paul Dolan say we can do to get to know people we might disagree with?
 - a) meet people in real life, not online
 - b) close all social media accounts
 - c) learn more about political science
6. What percentage of the British population believes society is divided?
 - a) 20%
 - b) 50%
 - c) 80%

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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Answers

3.

- a. divided – in disagreement; not together
- b. aroused – feel a strong emotion like anger or disagreement
- c. motivational – something that makes us determined and enthusiastic
- d. heat – an intense feeling, often anger
- e. open-minded – willing to listen to and consider new ideas
- f. silver bullet – a simple solution to a complicated problem

5. 1b, 2b, 3b, 4a, 5a, 6c

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Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet and adapt it as necessary.

Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.