

a·gree

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verb

- 1 **same opinion** [intransitive, transitive not in progressive] AGREE to have or express the same opinion about something as someone else

OPP

Teenagers and their parents rarely agree.

agree with

If she felt he was right, she would agree with him.

agree that

Most people nowadays would agree that a good pub is one of our best traditions.

agree on/about

We don't agree on everything, of course.

I quite agree/I couldn't agree more (= I agree completely)

'We have to talk.' 'Absolutely,' Meredith replied. 'I couldn't agree more.'

- 2 **say yes** [intransitive, transitive not in progressive] AGREE to say yes to an idea, plan, suggestion etc

OPP

I suggested we go somewhere for the weekend and she agreed at once.

agree to do something

No one really knows why he agreed to do the film.

agree to

My sister won't agree to our mother going into a nursing home.

3 | decide together [intransitive, transitive not in progressive] AGREE to make a decision with someone after a discussion with them:

agree to do something

We agreed to meet again the following Monday.

agree on

They managed to agree on a date for the wedding.

agree that

It was agreed that elections would be held in May.

agree a price/plan/strategy etc

We agreed a new four-year contract.

4 | be the same [intransitive not in progressive] SAME if two pieces of information agree with each other, they match or are the same:

agree with

Your story doesn't agree with what the police have told us.

5 agree to differ/disagree AGREE

if two people agree to differ, they accept that they have different opinions about something and stop arguing about it

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to say yes

agree to say that you think that someone's plan or suggestion is a good idea and you think it should happen: *Charles suggested going for a picnic, and we all agreed. | The Council of Ministers would never agree to such a plan. | Few people expect the rebels to agree to the peace plan. | When I proposed that in future we should hold our meetings in the bar, the others agreed wholeheartedly.*

say yes (especially spoken) to agree to do what someone has asked: *They asked if I would give a talk, and I stupidly said yes.*

approve to officially agree to a plan or proposal: *Congress*

approved the plan by a large majority.

give your consent to say that you agree to something that will affect you, your family, or your property, when you have the legal right to say 'no': *Her parents have given their consent to the marriage.*

go along with something to agree with someone else's plan or suggestion even though you are not sure if it is the right thing to do: *He wasn't very happy with the idea, but he decided to go along with it.*

to have the same opinion

agree to have the same opinion as someone, or to think that a statement is correct: *I totally agree with what you've just said. | I completely agree with Chomsky when he says that humans are born with a special ability to learn language. | Most experts agree that dieting needs to be accompanied by regular exercise.*

be in agreement (formal) if people are in agreement, they agree with each other, especially after discussing something: *The brothers are in agreement over the future of their company. | The world's scientists are in agreement that global warming is a problem that needs to be addressed.*

share somebody's view/ be of the same opinion (formal) to have the same opinion as someone, especially about an important issue: *A lot of people share his view that tourism will have a negative impact on the island. | Professor Dawkins is of the same opinion as Dr Jones. | They share the view that nuclear energy can play an important role in meeting global demands for energy. | All three specialists were of the same opinion about the cause of her illness.*

concur /kən'kʊː \$ -'kɜːr/ (formal) to agree with someone or about something – a very formal word which is used especially in official contexts: *The committee concurred with this view. | She asked her colleague, and she concurred. | Was it his aggression*

which set him apart from his rivals? ‘Possibly,’ he concurred. | As most biblical scholars concur, the letter could not have been written by any contemporary of Jesus.

see eye to eye [not in progressive] to agree with someone about something – used especially in negative sentences: *We don’t always see eye to eye, but we do respect each other’s opinions.*

agree up to a point to partly agree with someone: *I agree with you up to a point, but surely the situation is more complex than that?*

agree with something

phrasal verb

1 APPROVE to believe that a decision, action, or suggestion is correct or right:

I don’t agree with hitting children.

2 not agree with somebody

if a type of food does not agree with you, it makes you feel ill:

Green peppers don’t agree with me.

3 if an adjective, verb etc agrees with a word, it matches that word by being plural if the word is plural etc

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

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