

Agreeing and disagreeing

COMMUNICATION

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Lower-intermediate

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EN_BE_2126X

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English





Goals

- Can express agreement and disagreement with someone.
- Can correctly use phrases to express my opinion.







Preview and warm up

In this lesson, you are going to learn how to **agree** or **disagree** with someone.



I don't want to start working again!

Neither do I.



Do you remember these phrases?

I think

I believe

I'd say that

I feel

**from my point
of view**

in my opinion

personally

to be honest



Agreeing

When we **share the same opinion** as someone else, we are **agreeing** with them.

Let's take a look at some simple ways of agreeing in English.



I think this meeting is a great idea. Do you?

Me too

A simple way to agree with a **positive statement** is by saying ***me too***.

Look at this example:



Personally, I really like our boss!



Me too! She's so friendly.

Me neither

We can agree with a **negative statement** by saying *me neither*.

A **negative statement** has a negative auxiliary verb: *don't*, *can't*, *isn't* or *haven't*.



I **don't** have time for the meeting.



Me neither, I'm very, very busy today!



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I believe she can do it.

Me too!



I don't know when the meeting starts.

Me neither.





Agree with the following statements

1. I don't really like coffee.

→ Me neither.

2. She can't come to work today.

→ _____

3. I think she's really nice.

→ _____

4. I have a meeting at 4pm.

→ _____

5. I'd say we did a great job!

→ _____

6. He isn't happy with the decision.

→ _____

7. We believe it's going to be a success.

→ _____

8. They don't want to cancel the conference.

→ _____

So do I

A more formal way of saying *me too* is the phrase *so do I*.

Look at the examples:



I really like my team!
So do I!



She always comes to work at 9 o'clock.
So do I.

Neither do I

A more formal way of saying *me neither* is the phrase *neither do I*.



I don't have all the information yet.
Neither do I.



I don't think she needs more work to do.
Neither do I.



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I don't know why the printer is broken!

Neither do I.



She thinks it's better to cancel the meeting.

So do I.





Complete the dialogue



I think it's time to talk about this project.

2. _____. I am ready to start, but I don't think the Marketing Team is yet.

4. _____. Let's try to meet on Monday.

Actually 5. _____. Let's meet on Tuesday then!

1. _____. I know we have a lot of time. However, I really think we need to start sending the emails now.

3. _____. Maybe we can wait until the end of this week. I'm free then.

I would love to, but I don't think I will have time.

So am I

For sentences with the verb **to be**, we use **so am I** to agree with them.



She **is** one of the new Marketing Interns.
So am I!



I **am** from Manchester.
Really? **So am I!**

Neither am I

Likewise, to agree with a negative sentence with **to be**, we use **neither am I**.



They are not sure about this idea.
Neither am I.



I am not tall enough to get the folder.
Neither am I.



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She is from Italy.

Really? **So am I!**



He is not happy with the presentation.

Neither am I.





Choose the right answer to agree with these statements

1. They don't want to wait a long time.

- a. So am I. b. Me neither. c. Me too. d. So does she.

2. She thinks we don't need a new logo.

- a. Neither do I. b. So do I. c. They disagree. d. Neither am I.

3. I have a very busy day today.

- a. So am I. b. Neither does she. c. So do I. d. Me neither.

4. I am totally new to this project.

- a. Me neither. b. I agree. c. So do I d. So am I



Disagreeing

- We can also **disagree** with simple positive and negative statements.
 - To disagree with a positive statement: *I + **do** or **am + not***
 - To disagree with a negative statement: *I + **do** or **am***

Positive statements

- I like drinking coffee
- I **don't!** I prefer tea.
- He is finding the meeting boring.
- I **am not!** It's very interesting.

Negative statements

- I don't like drinking coffee.
- I **do!** I drink two cups a day.
- He isn't finding the meeting boring.
- I **am!** It's really dull.



Disagree with the following statements

1. I hate eating popcorn.

→ I don't!

2. He is enjoying the conference.



3. We don't want another call.



4. I think the presentation is bad.



5. I feel it needs more work.



6. You're a difficult person.



7. I'm not too sure!



8. She hates his voice.





What do you think?

Choose one of the opinions below and briefly explain your reasons. Your classmates need to then agree or disagree with your opinion.





Give your opinion

Look at the following people and their opinions. Choose one and say if you agree or disagree with them. Try to also explain your reasons why.

Lara believes work is more important than family.



Francisco thinks passion is most important for success.



Charles finds work stressful a lot.



Tana thinks it's not important how you dress at work.





Agree or disagree?



**It's better
to work to
live not live
to work**



Game

- Now say an opinion on a topic of your choice.
- Go around the class and see who agrees and disagrees with you.
- Your classmates should try and give reasons where possible!



So do I

Neither do I

I do

I don't



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise 2, p.14

1. So do I
2. Me too/So do I.
3. Neither do I
4. So am I
5. Neither do I

Exercise 1, p.10

2. Me neither
3. Me too
4. Me too
5. Me too
6. Me neither
7. Me too
8. Me neither



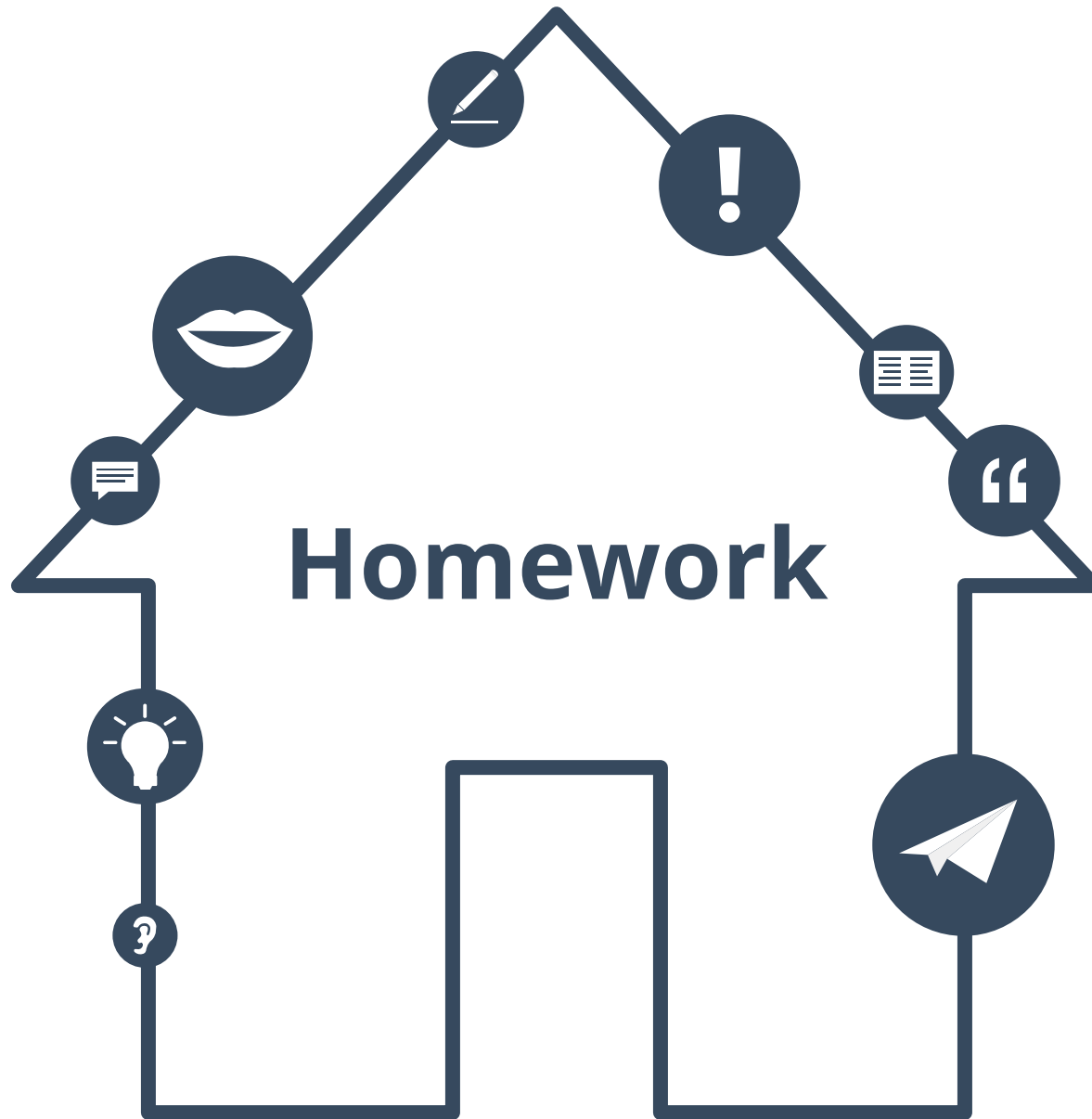
Answer key

Exercise 4, p.20

1. I am not
2. I do
3. I don't
4. I don't
5. I don't
6. I am not
7. I am
8. I don't

Exercise 3, p.18

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. D





Agree or disagree?

Fill in the missing vowels in the phrases below. Which phrases do you use to agree? Which do you use to disagree?

M_t__

M_n__th_r

S_d__

N__h_r d__

d

_d_n't

Agreeing...

Disagreeing...



Writing activity

Choose one opinion from below and imagine you are talking to a friend who has this opinion. Write a short dialogue where they say their opinion and you agree or disagree with them.





Homework answer key

- Exercise 1, p.30**
1. Me too
 2. Me neither
 3. So do I
 4. Neither do I
 5. I do
 6. I don't



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