

COMMUNICATION

# Reacting to the opinions of others

**LEVEL**

Intermediate (B1)

**NUMBER**

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**LANGUAGE**

English



## Learning outcomes

- I can comfortably share my thoughts on the views of others.
- I can politely express a different opinion.





## Warm-up

**Where was the last place you visited?**



**What did you do there?**



# Are you a tourist or a traveller?

**Read** the first part of the conversation and **answer** the questions below.

**Rebecca:** I've really had enough of all the tourists who come here to take pictures on every single street corner. It's so annoying!

**Angela:** I'm with you on that! But I must admit that when I travel to another city, I do the same.

**Rebecca:** That may be true, but we've been friends now for more than 20 years and I'm sure you're more of a traveller than a tourist. Do you know what I mean?

**Angela:** I'm not so sure I do.



1. What are Rebecca and Angela talking about?
2. What could Rebecca mean about being more of a traveller than a tourist?

# Are you a tourist or a traveller?

**Read** the rest of their conversation and **answer** the questions below.

**Rebecca:** Well, a tourist is someone who collects pictures; a traveller is someone who collects experiences.

**Angela:** Hmm, I'm afraid I don't agree. I don't think it's possible to be a traveller without first being a tourist.

**Rebecca:** I see your point. I guess what I mean is that a traveller tries to discover hidden gems and interacts with the people and the culture of the place they're visiting, while a tourist only wants to see the main attractions.

**Angela:** I'd go along with that, but I also think everyone starts off as a tourist. Visiting another city, even if it is to see the main attractions, teaches you how to travel.



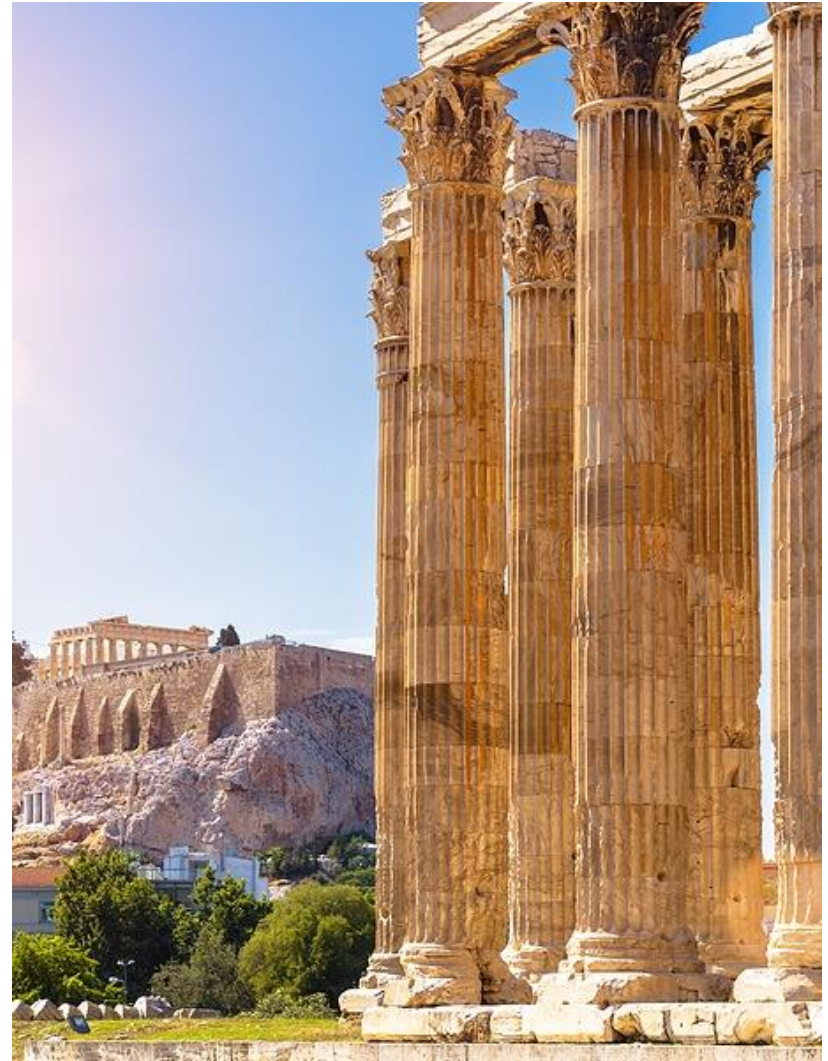
3. What do Angela and Rebecca disagree with each other about?
4. Who do you agree with more? Why?

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A traveller tries to discover **hidden gems**.

A tourist only wants to see the **main attractions**.

What are some **hidden gems** where you live? What are some of the **main attractions**?





# Divide into agreeing and disagreeing

1

*I see your point.*

2

*I'm with you on that.*

3

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

4

*Well, I'm not so sure about that.*

5

*I'd go along with that!*



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# Agreeing or disagreeing?

Categorise the phrases below. Work **as a group** or **in breakout rooms**.

1

*Absolutely*

2

I'm afraid I don't agree

3

I'd go along with that

4

Definitely

5

Yes, you're right

6

I'm not so sure about that

7

Me neither

8

Me too

9

That may be true, but...

10

So do I

**Agreeing**

*Absolutely*

**Disagreeing**





# Find the correct response

**Read** the statements on the left (1-5). **Match** them with the correct response (a-e).

1 It's not important to explore the culture of a country when I visit it.

2 I'm tired of all these people taking pictures on every single street corner!

3 Tourists only want to see the main attractions.

4 Revisiting a city gives you the chance to explore its hidden gems.

5 I don't think it's important to take pictures in a city you're visiting.

a **Definitely!** That's why I like visiting cities at least twice.

b Well, **I'm not so sure about that.** I like to have pictures of the places I've visited.

c **I'm with you on that!** It's so annoying!

d **I'm afraid I don't agree.** The culture of a country is a large part of its identity.

e **I see your point, but** the main attractions are popular for a reason.



# Do you agree or disagree?

**Read** the opinions below. **Decide** if you agree or disagree and **give your reasons** why.

*In my view, tourists should only be allowed to stay in cities in the summer.*

I'm afraid I don't agree.

Absolutely.

That may be true, but...

*For me, museums should always be free of charge.*

I'm not so sure about that.

I see your point.

Yes, you're right.

*I think you should never visit the same place twice.*

I'd go along with that!

So do I

Definitely

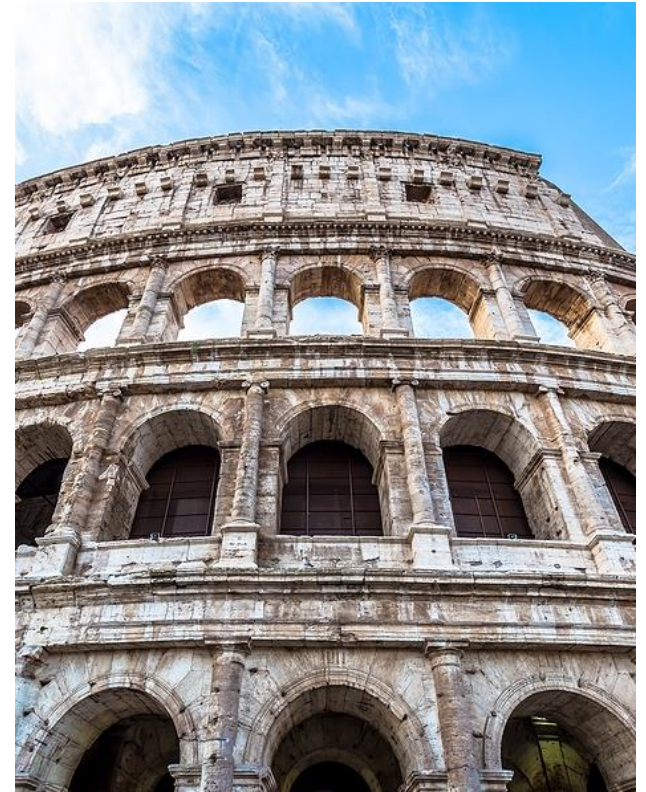


# What do you think?

**Read** the statement and **answer the question** below.

**Exploring a city's hidden gems is always more important than seeing its main attractions.**

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?**



# A dream holiday for free... almost!

Imagine your teacher will pay for a **10-day dream holiday** for your class, but...



- ...**only if** you all **agree** on where to go from the countries below.
- Decide on **one country** to visit together!

1



Peru

2



Japan

3



Greece

4



Kenya

5



New Zealand





# End of the lesson

Idiom

***Fair enough***

**Meaning:** We say this when we want to admit that something that someone has just said is reasonable or acceptable.



# Additional practice



# Match the phrases

Match the words or phrases on the left with their synonyms on the right.

1 Does that make sense?

2 Me too.

3 Oh, that's a tough one!

4 Definitely.

5 To my mind...

a Absolutely.

b So do I.

c Do you know what I mean?

d In my opinion...

e I'm not sure about that.





# Say it in a different way



Use the **phrases** that you've learned during this lesson to express agreement and disagreement to **transform the sentences below**.

1 I totally agree with you.



***Definitely!***

2 What you're saying is correct.



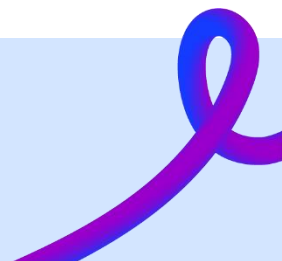
3 I disagree.



4 Definitely.



5 Same here.





# Discuss

**Agree or disagree with** the these people's views and politely express your own opinion.



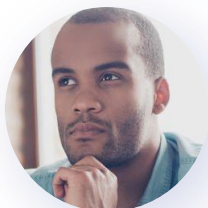
*Tourism creates more employment opportunities.*

...



*Tourism causes prices to increase, making life more expensive for locals.*

...



*Tourism has a negative impact on the environment.*

...



# Do you agree or disagree?

Down below, you can find one argument in favour of tourism and one against it. Which one do you agree with? Continue the dialogue.



*Tourism positively effects a country's GDP.*



*Yes, but many locals suffer from it. Tourism has a negative impact on pollution, things get more expensive...*

- You have a point
- That's a tough one
- Absolutely!
- I'm not sure about that
- I'm afraid I don't agree



## Discuss



**Touristic cities care more about their tourists than their locals.**

**What do you think of this statement?**





## Discuss



**Imagine: A local and a tourist meet on the street. How can they benefit from each other?**

**Discuss this with your teacher and classmates.**



# Answer key

**P.4:**

1. They are talking about tourism in their city
2. Rebecca means that Angela probably doesn't only take pictures and visit the main attractions when she visits a new place.

**P.5:**

3. They disagree about the difference between tourists and travellers.

**P.6:**

Hidden gems are places that locals know about. Main attractions are the big sights that most tourists visit

**P.7:**

Agreeing: I see your point, I'm with you on that, I'd go along with that; Disagreeing: I'm afraid I don't agree, Well, I'm not so sure about that...

**P.8:**

**Agreement:** Absolutely; I'd go along with it; Definitely; Yes, you're right; Me too; So do I; Me neither

**Disagreement:** I'm afraid, I don't agree; I'm not so sure about that; That may be true, but...,

**P.9:** 1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (e) 4. (a) 5. (b)

**P.16:** 1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (e) 4. (a) 5. (d)



# Summary

## How to express a point of view:

- From my point of view
- Me too
- Absolutely
- I'm in favour of

## How to express a different point of view:

- That may be true, but...
- I'm afraid, I don't agree
- I take your point, but



# Vocabulary

to agree

to disagree

Me too

Me neither

So do I

Yes, you're right

I'm afraid I don't agree

From my point of view

That might be true, but...

You have a point

definitely

a good point

Does that make sense?

Do you know what I mean?

absolutely

hidden gems

main attractions



