## Agreeing and disagreeing

Work with a partner to decide where to put the following twelve phrases of agreement and disagreement in the box below:

That makes no sense.

Nonsense!

That may be the case, however, …

You’re absolutely right.

I’m afraid that isn’t right …

I’m sorry, but I disagree.

That’s true.

Perhaps, but …

I couldn’t agree more.

Exactly!

I’m sorry, I can’t agree with …

I totally agree with you.

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| **I agree** | **I agree with some, but not all, of what you are saying** | **I disagree** |
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## Debate 1

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Women are not capable of performing jobs in fields such as politics, economics and the military as well as men.

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## Debate 2

X----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

It is never acceptable to take another person’s life, whatever crime they have committed.

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It is never acceptable to take another person’s life, whatever crime they have committed.

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# Worksheet 4

## Verbal boxing



You are going to have a ‘verbal’ boxing match to show how good you are at giving your opinion and debating a topic.

You will work in teams of three or four. One person in your team will be the boxer. The other members of your team will work as the boxing coach and corner men who make sure the boxer is ‘fit to fight’. Your job is to help the boxer win the fight.

Your teacher will give you a ‘motion’ to debate and tell you which side of the motion you will argue. You will have ten minutes to prepare for the fight.

## Main points to think about:

1. You need to think of as many different things to say as possible before the fight.
2. You should think about what the other team might say and how you can respond.
3. You must use the opinion, agreement and disagreement phrases that we have discussed.

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# Worksheet 5

## Judge’s scorecard

It is your job to give each boxer a score to decide who wins the fight. There are three categories:

* How good each boxer’s argument is
* Use of ‘expressing opinion’ and ‘agreeing and disagreeing’
* General English (grammar, vocabulary, fluency)

You will give each category a score out of 3 (Just like our Brighten grading scale.). For example, if you think a boxer did very well using debating language, you may give them 3/3 in the second category.

## Boxer’s name:

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| **Round** | **Argument** | **Language use** | **General English** | **Total (by round)** |
| Round 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Round 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Round 3 |  |  |  |  |

**TOTAL POINTS =**

*Other comments:*

## Boxer’s name:

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| **Round** | **Argument** | **Language use** | **General English** | **Total (by round)** |
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