

LIFE SKILLS

interrupt



i Agree with





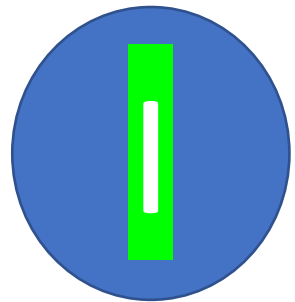
ignore



Exchange idea

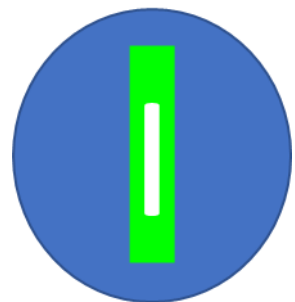


respect



always

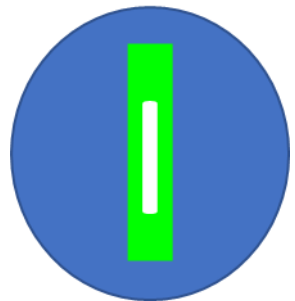
Agree with my parents



often

Agree with

My best friend



sometimes

Agree with

My teacher

ACCEPTING OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS



LIFE SKILLS

Other people's ideas

- can help us learn
- can be fun
- make life interesting

We should listen to other people and enjoy learning new things when we discuss opinions.

1 Make sentences that are true for you.

I

always
often
sometimes
never

agree with my parents.
agree with my best friends.
agree with my teachers.
change my opinion.
like new ideas.

In pairs, compare your sentences. Did you have the same ideas?

2 Explain why each sentence is true for you.

I sometimes agree with my parents because they know more than me, but other times they are too strict.

3 Look at the words in the box. In pairs, discuss the questions.

films food holidays
homework music sports

- 1 Do you talk to your friends or family about these topics?
- 2 Do you always have the same opinions?



How important is it to listen?



We talk to other people and give our opinions every day. Maybe you talk about what to do after school with your friends, or about plans for the weekend with your family. It's important to give your opinions, but it is also important to listen to other people's opinions and think about the best option. How good are you at listening? Do the quiz.

- 1 When you listen to someone, do you ...**
- a look at him/her and smile?
 - b say, 'That's interesting' or 'That's a good idea'?
 - c **interrupt** and give your own opinion as soon as possible?
- 2 When someone has an idea, do you ...**
- a always **agree with** him/her and think his/her ideas are good?
 - b ask questions about the idea to get more information?
 - c always disagree with him/her and often think he/she is wrong?
- 3 When you have a different opinion to someone else, do you ...**
- a **ignore** him/her by not listening and turning your head away?
 - b think about his/her opinion before you say you don't like it?
 - c explain your opinion and ideas?

4 How can a group of people agree when they have different opinions?

They can ...

- a explain their reasons for their opinions.
- b exchange ideas with each other by talking and listening.
- c not work together.

5 Is it good to change your opinion when you listen to other people's ideas?

- a Sometimes. I respect other people and know I am sometimes wrong.
- b Never. I'm always right and I don't like to change.
- c Maybe. If I have a good reason.



5 Match the questions 1–5 in Exercise 4 to the advice a–e.

- a** It's important to have your own opinions. Don't always agree immediately.
- b** Sometimes you can change your opinion because you listen and decide another idea is better.
- c** You should be polite to other people and listen carefully when they are speaking.
- d** It's best to talk to other people when there is a problem and think of ideas that make everyone happy.
- e** It is important to listen to other people's opinions and decide if the ideas are good or bad. Don't get angry or stop listening. Maybe they are really good ideas!

6 Match the highlighted words in the quiz to the definitions.

1 ignore 2 agree with 3 interrupt 4 respect 5 exchange

1 not pay attention to ignore

2 have the same opinion as agree with

3 speak when another person is speaking - interrupt

4 be polite to - respect

5 give and receive exchange



USEFUL LANGUAGE

great idea

3

I'm sure

4

Yes, but

2

I'm not sure

5

Maybe, but

1



Jenny: We did it last year and it was fun.

David: (1) _____ why not do something different?

Jenny: We could go to the cinema.

David: (2) _____ the cinema is expensive.

Jenny: You're right. Do you like the idea of a picnic in a park?

David: Yes, I do. That's a (3) _____.

David: Do you think she wants to go to the park in the centre for her birthday?

Jenny: (4) _____ that's the best place.

David: Do you think Martha likes orange or lemon?

Jenny: (5) _____. What do you think is best?