

Adjustment Level: Lower Intermediate-Advance

Target Skill to be improved: Speaking and Reasoning

Title: Debate is Fun (Free conversation)

Topic for Debate: **Segregation of garbage should be strictly implemented in all households**

Introduction: This lesson gives the student more speaking opportunities in expressing his thoughts that would improve his/her speaking and reasoning skills. The student would also learn various expressions for agreeing and disagreeing.



Resolved: **That segregation of garbage should be strictly implemented in all households.**



IDEA GENERATOR



Pros

- Segregation should be strictly implemented in all households so that we can make use of these garbage.
- Remember that there is money in garbage.
- Segregation is the start of recycling.

Cons

- It is just a waste of time and the garbage collectors don't even segregate it when in the dumpsite.
- People nowadays are busy so they don't have enough time to segregate.

See for example:

Person A: "In my opinion, I believe that segregation should be strictly implemented in all households so that we can make use of these garbage. Remember that there is money in garbage."

Person B: "I strongly disagree with the proposition since I believe that it is just a waste of time and the garbage collectors don't even segregate it when in the dumpsite."

Expressions for Agreeing and Disagreeing

Stating an opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In my opinion...• The way I see it...• If you want my honest opinion....• According to Lisa...• As far as I'm concerned...• If you ask me...
Asking for an opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What's your idea?• What are your thoughts on all of this?• How do you feel about that?• Do you have anything to say about this?• What do you think?• Do you agree?• Wouldn't you say?
Expressing agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I agree with you 100 percent.• I couldn't agree with you more.• That's so true.• That's for sure.• (slang) Tell me about it!• You're absolutely right.• Absolutely.• That's exactly how I feel.• Exactly.• I'm afraid I agree with James.• I have to side with Dad on this one.• No doubt about it.• (agree with negative statement) Me neither.• (weak) I suppose so./I guess so.• You have a point there.• I was just going to say that.
Expressing disagreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I don't think so.• (strong) No way.• I'm afraid I disagree.• (strong) I totally disagree.• I beg to differ.• (strong) I'd say the exact opposite.• Not necessarily.• That's not always true.• That's not always the case.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, I'm not so sure about that.
Interruptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can I add something here? • Is it okay if I jump in for a second? • If I might add something... • Can I throw my two cents in? • Sorry to interrupt, but... • (after accidentally interrupting someone) Sorry, go ahead. OR Sorry, you were saying... • (after being interrupted) You didn't let me finish.
Settling an argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's just move on, shall we? • Let's drop it. • I think we're going to have to agree to disagree. • (sarcastic) Whatever you say/If you say so.