

Arguing your case

- 1 (3.16) Sophie and Lydia are backpacking. Read and listen to the dialogue. Answer the questions.

- 1 What do they disagree about?
- 2 Who gets her own way in the end?



Sophie It's seven o'clock in the evening. We need somewhere to stay.

Lydia I think we should stay in that youth hostel. It's right opposite!

Sophie Really? I'm not sure that's a good idea.

Lydia Why not?

Sophie Youth hostels aren't always very clean. Personally, I'd rather we found a campsite. We've got a tent. We should use it.

Lydia True, but it's late, and there aren't any campsites in the centre of town. I really think we'd be better off staying in the youth hostel.

Sophie I'm not convinced. A campsite would be cheaper, and we could get a bus there.

Lydia Well, if that's what you really want to do, then OK.

Sophie Great! Let's find a bus stop.

- 2 Who uses these facts and opinions to argue their case? Write *Sophie* or *Lydia*.

- 1 The youth hostel is very near. _____
- 2 Youth hostels are sometimes dirty. _____
- 3 They've got a tent with them. _____
- 4 The campsites are all out of town. _____
- 5 Campsites are cheaper than youth hostels. _____
- 6 There are buses to the campsites. _____

- 3 (3.17) Listen to three dialogues. Match the speakers with the disagreements a–c.

- 1 Lily and Cameron disagree about ☐
- 2 James and Chloe disagree about ☐
- 3 Leo and Millie disagree about ☐

- a what to buy their dad for his birthday.
- b what food to prepare for a party.
- c whether to have a vending machine in the school.

- 4 (3.17) Listen again. Who gets their own way in each disagreement?

- 5 Put the expressions from the dialogues into the correct group: A, B, C or D.

- 1 I suppose you could be right.
- 2 Oh, I don't agree.
- 3 I take your point, but on the other hand, ...
- 4 Are you sure about that?
- 5 I see what you mean, but ...
- 6 OK, whatever you want. I don't feel strongly about it.
- 7 I still think I'm right.
- 8 Do you really think so?

A Doubting a suggestion
B Giving an alternative suggestion
C Conceding the argument
D Refusing to concede

- 6 Find phrases in exercise 1 to add to the groups in exercise 5.

- 7 Work in pairs. Choose one of the ideas below and think of suggestions and alternative suggestions. Include reasons.

- where to go on holiday
- who to invite on a picnic
- what to watch on television
- which computer to buy

- 8 Work in pairs. Prepare a dialogue like the one in exercise 1. Include your ideas from exercise 7 and expressions from exercise 5.

- 9 Act out your dialogue to the class.