

Reaching an agreement

- 1 (2.11) Read and listen to the dialogue. What personality qualities do Claire and Tony think are important when choosing someone to represent the school?



- Claire** Hi, Tony. We need to choose someone to represent the school at the International Students' Conference next month. Who do you think we should vote for?
- Tony** Well, I think it has to be someone who's confident and sociable.
- Claire** I agree. So, what do you think about Kelly Smith?
- Tony** You've got to be joking! She's really clever but she's not very good at standing up in front of lots of people. I was thinking of someone more like Robert Powell. He's always the life and soul of the party.
- Claire** That's true, but I'm not convinced. I mean, he's also a bit of a show-off, and perhaps not the best person to represent the school.
- Tony** Yeah, I see what you mean. What about Bill Simons? He's fun, and he's got a good head on his shoulders.
- Claire** I'm afraid we'll have to agree to disagree on that one. I just don't think he's mature enough. Let's think of someone else – someone more diplomatic. What do you think about Jennifer Williams?
- Tony** Yeah, she's a possibility. She's certainly very diplomatic.
- Claire** Yeah, and in my opinion she's confident enough to deliver a good presentation, too.
- Tony** OK. I'd go along with that. Let's vote for Jennifer.

- 2 (2.12) Read the dialogue again and complete the table with expressions used to reach an agreement. Then listen and repeat.

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Disagreeing You've got to ¹ _____! Sorry but I really can't agree with you on that. I'm afraid we will have to ² _____ on that one.
Partial agreement I see your point, but I don't entirely agree. That's true, but I'm ³ _____. That's a possibility.
Agreeing I completely agree with you on that. Yes, I see ⁴ _____. OK, I'd ⁵ _____ that.

- 3 (2.13) Listen to two dialogues. What topic is being discussed? What agreement do the speakers reach?

Dialogue 1

- 1 topic: _____
- 2 agreement: _____

Dialogue 2

- 3 topic: _____
- 4 agreement: _____

- 4 (2.13) Listen to the dialogues again and decide if the statements below are true or false.

Dialogue 1

- 1 Rafa Nadal has a foot injury.
- 2 Rafa Nadal won the match yesterday.

Dialogue 2

- 3 Sally and Dean are studying Shakespeare's play Hamlet at school.
- 4 Dean likes Sally's idea about performing a Shakespeare play.

- 5 Work in pairs. Using the information in the table below try to reach an agreement on who should represent your school at an international Students' Conference.

	Jane	Jack	Paul
Positive personality traits	Confident, spontaneous	Calm, clear speaker, down to earth	Charismatic, quick-witted, happy-go-lucky
Negative personality traits	Sometimes outspoken and bossy	Can appear dull when you first meet him	Not always considerate of other people
School clubs	President of the school's tennis club	School chess champion	Chairperson of debating society
School record and abilities	Good at all subjects, especially languages	Good at sciences and maths	Very good at sports, music and drama

- 6 Act out your dialogue to the class.