

SPEAKING

REACHING A DECISION



ABOUT DATING



AGRE TO DISAGREE

I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE!

IT'S TRUE/OBVIOUS/EVIDENT THAT... HOWEVER...

I AGREE WITH YOU THAT...

YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE. ON SECOND THOUGHTS, I'M GOING TO GO WITH...

I SEE YOUR POINT, BUT...

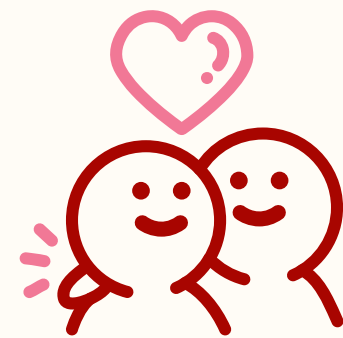
ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT,... I DON'T THINK...

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT!

THAT SOUNDS GOOD,...

I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT...

THAT'S PARTLY TRUE, BUT...



UNPOPULAR OPINIONS

ABOUT DATING



Agree Strongly

I couldn't agree
with you more!

You are absolutely
right!



Agree

I agree with you.

I think you are
right.



Partly Agree

That is mostly
correct.

I agree with you in
principle,
however...



Disagree

I'm afraid I can't
really agree.

I am sorry, I
disagree with that.



Strongly Disagree

That is completely
wrong, sorry.

I'm sorry, I
couldn't agree
with you less.

#1

"LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT ISN'T REAL— IT'S JUST ATTRACTION."

				
Agree Strongly	Agree	Partly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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You are absolutely right!	I think you are right.	I agree with you in principle, however...	I am sorry, I disagree with that.	I'm sorry, I couldn't agree with you less.

#2

"YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO TEXT YOUR PARTNER 24/7 TO SHOW YOU CARE."

				
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#3

"POSTING YOUR RELATIONSHIP ONLINE MAKES IT WORSE, NOT BETTER."



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#4

"MARRIAGE ISN'T NECESSARY TO HAVE A LIFELONG COMMITMENT."



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#5

**"WEDDINGS ARE A WASTE OF MONEY—YOU COULD
USE THAT MONEY FOR A HOUSE OR TRAVEL."**



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Strongly***

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ADDING OR CHOOSING A POINT

IF I HAVE TO CHOOSE... I'D SAY... (CHOOSE BETWEEN OPTIONS)

I AM OF THE OPINION THAT... (ADDING OPINIONS/IDEAS)

THIS IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE... (EMPHASIZING)

I THINK THE IDEA OF... WOULD WORK... (ADDING OPINIONS/IDEAS)

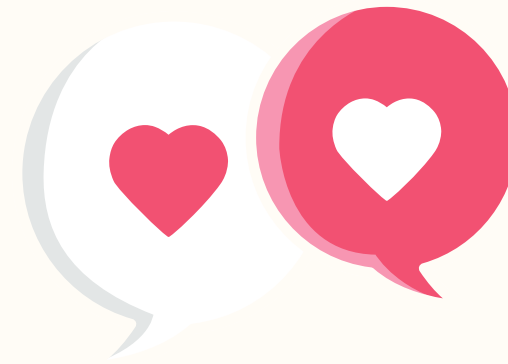
LET'S FACE IT, ... (ADD A NEGATIVE IDEA)

LIKE I SAID... (GO BACK TO A PREVIOUS IDEA)

WHAT ABOUT... ING? (ADD AN IDEA—VERY USEFUL TO MOVE FROM ONE ITEM TO ANOTHER)

I'M KEEN ON... /I'M NOT KEEN ON... (GIVING AN OPINION)

DON'T YOU THINK? (ASKING FOR ANOTHER PERSON'S OPINION)



**sharing the
same interests
and hobbies**

**celebrating
special dates**

**WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT
THING IN A RELATIONSHIP?**

trust

**being together
all the time**

**good
communication**

1 START THE CONVERSATION

"SO, WE NEED TO DECIDE WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN A DATE. WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

2 DISCUSS EACH IDEA

"I THINK TRUST IS REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T TRUST YOUR PARTNER, THE RELATIONSHIP WON'T WORK."

"YES, BUT I ALSO THINK COMMUNICATION IS KEY. IF YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS, THINGS GET WORSE."

3 GIVE OPINIONS AND AGREE/DISAGREE

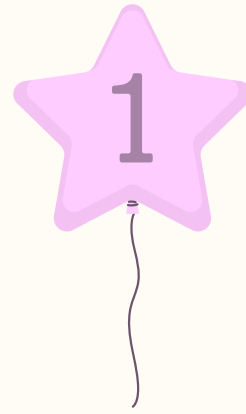
"I SEE YOUR POINT, BUT I DON'T THINK HAVING SIMILAR HOBBIES IS AS IMPORTANT AS SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS. YOU CAN HAVE DIFFERENT HOBBIES AND STILL GET ALONG."

GIVE OPINIONS AND AGREE/DISAGREE

4

MAKE A FINAL DECISION

"SO, WE BOTH AGREE THAT ___ AND ___ ARE NOT AS IMPORTANT. BUT IF WE HAVE TO CHOOSE THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE, I WOULD SAY..."



**being polite
and respectful**

**making your
date laugh**

**WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT
THING ON A FIRST DATE?**

**dressing
well**

**choosing the
right place**

**showing
affection (like
holding hands or
hugging)**