

BBC LEARNING ENGLISH - 6 Minute English - Is it good to disagree?

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1. Warm up Questions:

- a. What do you think? Is it good to disagree? Why or why not?
- b. Why do you think we disagree?
- c. How often do you have disagreements?
- d. Who do you have disagreements with?
- e. How do you feel after a disagreement with someone?
- f. In the exercise they ask the question, "Which spiritual leader is famous for saying, "Disagreement is something normal?" What do you think? Is it Pope Francis, the Dalai Lama, or Ravi Shankar. Write here which one you think it is?

2. Vocabulary:

A. What words do you think you might hear on the track? Write as many down as you can think of:

B. Look at this vocabulary. Connect 1-9 with a-i.:

<u>Vocabulary:</u>	<u>Meaning:</u>
1. Pedantic	a. <i>Being polite and courteous.</i>
2. Hierarchy	b. <i>Dislike or lack of respect for a person / thing.</i>
3. Contempt	c. <i>To review</i>
4. Point of view	d. <i>Focussing too much on the small details or formal rules.</i>
5. Compromise	e. <i>To stay the same.</i>
6. Empathy	f. <i>An agreement where both sides make concessions.</i>
7. Civility	g. <i>Perspective on something.</i>
8. Stagnate	h. <i>Ability to understand and share the feelings of someone else.</i>
9. Recap	i. <i>A way of organising something by order of importance.</i>

3. Listening:

A. Listen to the track and decide if these sentences are true or false:

- a) Rob said that the spiritual leader famous for saying something was Ravi Shankar.
- b) Rob thinks that agreeing with everything anyone says would be boring.
- c) The therapist says there are three ways of having a disagreement.
- d) Rob says that contempt in an argument can be more than just not liking somebody's point of view, it could be thinking someone is less than you.
- e) The BBC Podcast is called "Truthfully."
- f) The politician says that if we don't disagree, then we end up stagnating.
- g) Sam says that if we disagree we must also do it politely and with respect.
- h) The spiritual leader who said, "Disagreement is something normal" is Pope Francis.

B. Listen again and complete the missing spaces:

- a) Maybe we should agree to _____ and move on.
- b) In a _____, you position yourself in a hierarchy.
- c) I actually really think you're a _____ human being.
- d) _____! That's not nice.
- e) ...including not aiming for the _____ ground.
- f) But honest conversations involve listening intently as well as speaking _____.
- g) It's important to _____ and question thoughts.
- h) ...we must be honest, listen to the other person _____ and speak truthfully.

C. Listen again. How many of the words you thought you would hear did you hear?

4. Post Listening:

- a. What do you think about what you have heard?
- b. Do you agree or disagree with what you heard and why?
- c. Do you think you will behave differently?
- d. What new expressions or vocabulary have you heard?