

1.EXPRESSIONS FOR DEBATE : DISAGREEING

Expressing complete disagreement

- *I don't think so!*
- *I disagree*
- *I disagree entirely.*
- *I'm afraid I can't agree.*
- *I'm afraid you're wrong*
- *On the contrary!*
- *Definitely not!*
- *Rubbish!*
- *Nonsense!*
- *That's ridiculous!*
- *Never in a million years!*

Using irony to express disagreement

- *Come on!*
- *Do you really think so?*
- *What!*
- *You can't actually mean that!*
- *You can't be serious!*
- *Are you pulling my leg?*
- *Are you kidding?*
- *You must be kidding!*

Dismissing an argument as irrelevant or improbable.

- *That isn't the point.*
- *That's highly debatable.*
- *That's highly unlikely.*

Disagreeing diplomatically (through doubt)

- *Hmmm, I'm not sure about that..*
- *I'm not sure (that) it works like that.*
- *I'm not so sure about that.*
- *I'm not so certain*
- *Well, I'm not sure whether you can really ...*
- *I'm inclined to disagree with that...*

Disagreeing in part (appeal to logic)

- *Not necessarily*
- *That's not necessarily true*
- *That isn't strictly true.*

Countering

Countering politely (through agreement followed by antithesis)

- *Yes, but remember that*
- *Yes, but it isn't that ...*

Countering politely (through partial agreement followed by antithesis)

- *That may be so, but ...*
- *That may be true, but ...*
- *That may be so, ...*
- *That might have been the case once, but ...*
- *Well, maybe they do, but ...*
- *You may be right about ..., but ..*
- *Maybe...But the problem is...*
- *That's a good idea, but...*
- *That's a good point, but...*
- *I'd love to, but...*
- *That would be great, except that...*
- *That may be so, but...*
- *Possibly, but...*
- *..., but what I'm concerned with is...*
- *..., but what I'm afraid of is...*
- *..., but what bothers me is...*
- *..., but what I don't like is...*
- *..., but what I'm concerned with is...*

