

LIFE SKILLS COLLABORATION



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Reaching agreement

For two people to agree, you need to:

- listen carefully
- give your opinions calmly and clearly
- try to understand the other person's ideas before you decide what to do.

1 Read the sentences. Answer the questions.

Let's agree to disagree.

We can find a 'win-win' solution.

- 1 What do you think the sentences mean?
- 2 Which sentence do you prefer? Why?
- 3 When do you need to make decisions? For example, think about doing a class project, going to an event or watching TV.

2 Do you ever disagree with friends about these things? How do you reach an agreement?

What to do at the weekend

What to buy a friend for their birthday

What topic to choose for a school project

3 Read the problems on Danny's page quickly and write the names on the correct replies. Do you have any problems like these in your life?

4 Read the texts again. Which person/people has/have these problems?

Which person/people ...

- 1 has/have a problem with a friend?
- 2 has/have a problem with a family member?
- 3 has/have a problem at school?
- 4 hasn't/haven't got a lot of time?
- 5 wants/want to go to the cinema?
- 6 maybe needs/need to agree to disagree?

5 Complete the sentences with the highlighted words from the texts.

- 1 I don't _____ with the things my friend does in class.
She doesn't listen to the teacher.
- 2 Do you agree or _____ with the idea of going to the cinema?
- 3 I hope you _____ the film.
- 4 Can you give me some _____? I don't know what to do.
- 5 I'm _____. I can't go to the cinema with my friends.
My mum and dad want me to stay at home with my little brother.
- 6 Maybe you don't agree. In that _____, you can make your own plans.



6 Listen to Lola, Oscar and Daisy talking. What are they planning?

- a** They are making plans to go the cinema.
- b** They are making plans to study for their maths exam together.
- c** They are making plans for a surprise party.



7 Listen again and choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- [illegible]

8 Are the sentences in the *Useful language* box used for agreeing (A), disagreeing (D) or making suggestions (S)?



USEFUL LANGUAGE

I disagree D

How about a basketball shirt?

I have a better idea.

I agree.

I think a CD is a better idea than a book.

That's an awesome idea!

Help me, Danny!

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Send me your problems and I can give my **advice**.

1

Dear Danny,

I want to go to see a film tonight, but my best friend wants to play basketball. We always play basketball and I'm bored! What can I do?

Regards,
Bored Best Friend

2

Dear Danny,

I have a problem. My best friend is often not nice to our maths teacher. She doesn't listen, she never does her homework and she says bad things about the teacher. I tell her to stop, but she gets angry with me. What can I do? Thanks for your help.

Unhappy Friend

A

Dear _____,

It's important for you and your sister to **agree** because you haven't got a lot of time. Make a list of good things about each present to help you decide. Then go shopping and choose the present together. Try to find a win-win solution.

Enjoy shopping and happy birthday to your brother! *Danny*

B

Dear _____,

This is often a problem with friends and family. You can talk to your friend and ask to do something different, or you can talk to your friend about how you feel. Maybe agree to **disagree**. In that **case**, go to the cinema alone or with another friend.

Good luck! *Danny*

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Dear Danny,

It's my brother's birthday at the weekend. My sister wants to buy him a T-shirt, but I want to buy him a book. We have only £15 and only one day to go shopping. What do you think?

Birthday Brother

C

Dear _____,

I think it's a good idea to talk to your friend and tell her to stop. You can tell her that it's important to be good in class and that you don't like what she's doing. Is she finding maths difficult? Does your friend need help studying? Listen carefully to your friend to help her.

Enjoy your lessons at school!

Good luck! *Danny*

PROJECT

Planning a surprise party

In small groups, plan a party to surprise a friend.

- Think about:
 - who the party is for
 - when the party is
 - where the party is
 - what food and drink you want
 - what you need to do
 - what you need to buy
 - what music to play
 - what activities you can do at the party
- Design an invitation for your party.
- Present your invitation to the class.



TALKING POINTS

How about YOU? Are you organising a party for someone? Do you normally buy presents for your friends? Do you and your friends always agree? What do you do then?