

Giving Opinions & Agreeing / Disagreeing

Opinion gambits:

In my opinion, . . . I would
say . . .

Personally, I feel . . . The way
I see it is . . .

Agreement gambits:

Absolutely! Exactly!
I couldn't agree more.
I agree with you completely.
I would agree with your point of view.
That's how I see it too.
I couldn't have said it better myself.

Disagreement gambits:

I don't quite agree.
I don't see it that way.
That's not how I see it.
I would disagree with that.
I couldn't disagree with you more.
I see your point, but . . .
I understand how you might see it that
way, but . . .

Practice: Make statements in which you give your opinion on the following topics. Your partner(s) will agree or disagree with you. Follow up with a reason for your agreement or disagreement. Then switch roles.

Example: A. In my opinion, George W.
Bush is a great president.

B. Sorry, but I couldn't disagree more. In MY opinion, . . .

- A)
1. Best cuisine
 2. Most lucrative profession
 3. Country with the best soccer team
 4. Most pressing environmental problem in the world
 5. Most important American president in recent history

- B)
1. Best beer or wine
 2. Most respected profession
 3. Best pro-baseball or pro-basketball team
 4. Most pressing public health issue in the world
 5. Most important scientific figure in history