

Polite Disagreement Phrases

How to Disagree Politely in English

When we have a different opinion, it's important to be polite. Using these phrases can help you sound friendly and respectful.

Phrase	When to use it	Example
I see your point, but...	When you understand the other person's reason, but you have a different idea.	A: "Winter is the best season." B: " I see your point about the beautiful snow, but I think summer is better for swimming."
That's an interesting perspective, however...	When you think the other person's idea is unique or surprising, but you disagree.	A: "A messy desk is a sign of creativity." B: " That's an interesting perspective, however, I feel more creative when my desk is clean."
I'm not so sure about that, because...	A gentle and common way to say you disagree and want to give a reason.	A: "Watching movies at home is better than the cinema." B: " I'm not so sure about that, because the big screen and sound at the cinema are amazing."
I understand what you mean, although for me...	Shows you listened carefully, but your personal feeling is different.	A: "Traveling alone is more fun." B: " I understand what you mean about freedom, although for me, it's more fun to share experiences with friends."
On the other hand...	A good way to introduce a completely different or opposite viewpoint.	A: "Living in the city is exciting." B: "That's true. On the other hand, the countryside is so peaceful and relaxing."

Remember: The goal is to have a good conversation, not to win an argument!

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