

# AGREE, DISAGREE, OR BOTH: RELATING WHAT YOU SAY TO WHAT THEY SAY



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## Disagreeing, With Reasons

- I think X is mistaken because she overlooks \_\_\_\_\_.
- X's claim, that \_\_\_\_\_ rests upon the questionable assumption that \_\_\_\_\_.
- I disagree with X's view that \_\_\_\_\_ because, as recent research has shown, \_\_\_\_\_.
- X contradicts herself/can't have it both ways. On the one hand she argues \_\_\_\_\_. But on the other hand, she also says \_\_\_\_\_.
- By focusing on \_\_\_\_\_, X overlooks the deeper problem of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Agreeing— With a Difference

- X surely is right about \_\_\_\_\_ because, as she may not be aware, recent studies had shown that \_\_\_\_\_.
- C's theory of \_\_\_\_\_ is extremely useful because it sheds light on the difficult problem of \_\_\_\_\_.
- I agree that \_\_\_\_\_, a point that needs emphasizing since so many people believe \_\_\_\_\_.
- Those unfamiliar with this school of thought may be interested to know that it basically boils down to \_\_\_\_\_.
- If group X is right that \_\_\_\_\_, as I think they are, then we need to reassess the popular assumption that \_\_\_\_\_.

## Agreeing and Disagreeing Simultaneously

- Although I agree with X up to a point, I cannot accept his overall conclusion that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Although I disagree with much that X says, I fully endorse his final conclusion that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Though I concede that \_\_\_\_\_, I still insist that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Whereas X provides ample evidence that \_\_\_\_\_, Y and Z's research that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ convinces me that \_\_\_\_\_ instead.
- X is right that \_\_\_\_\_, but she seems on more dubious ground when she claims that \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm of two minds about X's claim that \_\_\_\_\_. On the one hand, I agree that \_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, I am not sure if \_\_\_\_\_.
- My feelings on the issue are mixed. I do support C's position that \_\_\_\_\_, but I find Y's argument about \_\_\_\_\_ and Z's research on \_\_\_\_\_ to be equally persuasive.

## Making a Concession While Standing Your Ground

- Although I grant that \_\_\_\_\_, I still maintain that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proponents of X are right that \_\_\_\_\_. But they exaggerate when they claim that \_\_\_\_\_.
- While it is true that \_\_\_\_\_, it does not necessarily follow that \_\_\_\_\_.
- On the one hand, I agree with X that \_\_\_\_\_. But on the other hand, I still insist that \_\_\_\_\_.