

# ■ Expressing Agreement and Disagreement

In English conversations and writing, people often agree or disagree with others' opinions. Using natural expressions helps you sound polite, fluent, and confident.

## ■ How to Express Agreement

There are many ways to agree with someone. The way you respond depends on how strongly you feel and how formal the situation is.

### ■ Strong Agreement

- I completely agree with you.
- That's absolutely right!
- You're totally correct.
- I couldn't agree more.
- Exactly! That's what I think too.

### ■ Normal / Friendly Agreement

- I agree with you.
- That's true.
- You're right about that.
- I think so too.

### ■ Partial or Polite Agreement

- I agree with you to some extent.
- That's partly true.
- You might be right, but...
- I see your point, however...

## ■ How to Express Disagreement

When disagreeing, English speakers often use polite and indirect expressions to avoid sounding rude. Here are different ways to disagree depending on the situation:

### ■ Strong Disagreement

- I completely disagree.
- That's not true at all.
- I can't agree with you on that.
- I totally disagree with your point.

### ■ Polite or Soft Disagreement

- I see what you mean, but I'm not sure I agree.
- I understand your point, but I think...

- I'm afraid I don't agree.
- That's one way to look at it, but...

### ■ Neutral / Indirect Disagreement

- That's interesting, but I have a different opinion.
- Maybe, but I see it differently.
- I'm not convinced about that idea.

## ■ Common Sayings and Their Meanings

**Honesty is the best policy.** — Being honest is always the best way to act.

**No pain, no gain.** — You must work hard or suffer to achieve something valuable.

**Where there's a will, there's a way.** — If you really want something, you'll find a way to achieve it.

**Don't judge a book by its cover.** — Don't form an opinion about someone or something based only on appearance.

**Time is money.** — Time is valuable, so don't waste it.

**Practice makes perfect.** — Doing something repeatedly helps you improve and become excellent.

**Actions speak louder than words.** — What you do is more important than what you say.

**Laughter is the best medicine.** — Being happy or laughing can make you feel better and healthier.

## ■ Writing: How to Write About a Saying

When writing about a famous saying or proverb, follow this structure to express your opinion clearly. You should explain the meaning, give your opinion, reasons, and examples.

### ■ Example:

**A common saying is that** "Practice makes perfect."

**In my opinion**, this saying means that if you keep practicing, you'll become very good at something.

**I completely agree** with this idea. The reason is that learning takes time and repetition.

**For example**, when I started playing guitar, I wasn't good at all. But after practicing

every day for six months, I improved a lot.

**However**, some people give up too quickly and never see the results of their effort.

**So, this is why** I strongly agree that “Practice makes perfect.”

## ■ Practice Ideas

Try writing about one of these sayings using the structure above:

- “Honesty is the best policy.”
- “No pain, no gain.”
- “Where there’s a will, there’s a way.”
- “Don’t judge a book by its cover.”
- “Time is money.”