

Judgement	Agreements
This reexam will satisfy most students.	Yes, you're absolutely right.. Yes, you're certainly right. Yes, you're definitely right. Yes, that's absolutely right. Yes, that's certainly right. Yes, that's definitely right.

3. One might use the verb "agree" in his answer. This may seem to be rather

formal in speaking however. All of the agreements below have the same meanings.


Judgement	Agreements.
This reexam will satisfy few students.	I agree with you. I completely agree with you. I agree with you entirely. I agree with what you said . I couldn't agree more.

All the **agreements** above are reduced **from** the long forms of the following.

I agree with you	}	that this reexam will satisfy few students.
I completely agree with you		
I agree with you entirely		
Iagreewithwhatyousaid		
I couldn't agree more		

4. One might also use **rather** formal expressions to emphasize an **agreement**, such as : "**I'm** of the same opinion.", "That's exactly what I think", and "That's just what I was thinking.". Now, **complete** the **patterns** below and **practice** speaking with friends.

Mini-talk 18 :



Tom

This exam will **satisfy** only few **students**.

[That% exactly **what I think**.]

You


Meaning : **That's exactly what I think; that is, this reexam will satisfy only a few students.**


Tom

This reexam will **satisfy** only few students.

You

Meaning : _____



Tom

This reexam will **satisfy** some students.


You


Meaning : _____


Mini-talk 19 : Study different ways of expressing agreements with a negative opinion or an unfavorable opinion.



Tom

This reexam won't **satisfy** most **students**.

Definitely not.  Bob

It certainly won't.  Ed

I agree (that it **won't**).  Sue

You're absolutely right, it won't.  John

B1.4 Explanations

1. To **agree** with a negative **opinion**, one might say "**Definitely not.**" or "Absolutely not.". **These mean** the following :

This **reexam** **definitely won't** satisfy most students.

This **reexam** **absolutely won't** satisfy most students.

Students should **know** the **different** meanings of both **sentences** and the **sentences** below. Discuss their **differences** with your instructor and friends.

This **reexam** **won't definitely** satisfy most students.

This **reexam** **won't absolutely** satisfy most students.

2. A speaker may use the expression : "**It + adv. + V + neg.**" to indicate his/her **agreement**. The pronoun "**It**" replaces the noun subject "**reexam**" as in the sentences below.

It $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{certainly} \\ \text{absolutely} \\ \text{definitely} \end{array} \right\}$ won't **satisfy** most students.

Moreover, a speaker may emphasize his **agreement** with the **expressions**.

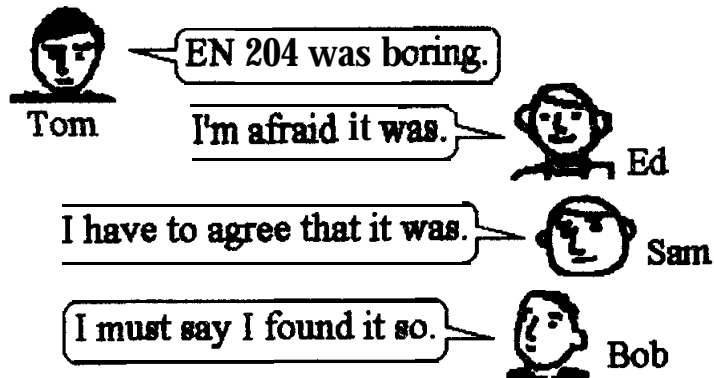
Complete and **practice** them **with** friends.

You're absolutely **right**, it won't _____.

I **agree** that it won't _____.

I **agree** _____.

Mini-talks 20 : To be polite, one must qualify the **agreement** with an expressions of regret when **agreeing with** an unfavorable opinion.



Supply the long forms of the above **agreement**. You may do them orally.

Indicate the **expressions** of regret.

Ted: I'm afraid EN 204 was boring.

Sam: I have to agree that EN 204 was boring.

Bob : I must say I found EN 204 was boring.

B2. Practice : Listening and **speaking practice**.

82.1. Sentence **Practice**. Riht to left drib. Listen and **repeat** after the **instructor**.

1. **That's** / **exactly** / **what** / I think.
2. Thii **reexam** / will / satisfy / only few / students.
3. I understand / most people / couldn't / get along / with me.
4. I / thought / she / was a / high school / principal.

82.2. **Substitution Drills.** **Substitute** the given words or **phrases** to the underlined words.

1. It certainly won't satisfy most students.

perfectly

definitely

absolutely

2. I'm afraid EN 204 was **interesting**.

I have to agree that

I must say I found that

B3. Presentation : Understanding the different ways to emphasize disagreement

When a speaker denies or contradicts what someone else just stated, it would be rather impolite unless the denials are **qualified** in some ways. Study the mini-talk below.

Mini talk21 :



Tom

English is a difficult language to learn.

I don't think so.



Sam

I'm afraid I don't agree with what you said.



Bob

I'm not sure I feel the same way.



Sherry

Yes, that's quite true, but Russian is even more difficult.



John

Are you kidding?



Ed

B3.1 Key to your pronunciation

Practice saying the following expressions of **disagreement**.

³ I / don't think / ² so.

² / kiddi / y / gu / ⁴ dding?

² I'm / ³ afraid I don't agree with what you / ³ said.

² I'm / ³ not sure I feel the / ³ same way.

³ Yes, that's quite / ³ true, but Russian is even more / ³ difficult.

B3.2 Explanations

I. The expressions "I'm afraid _____ " is used to qualify the disagreements as well as "I'm not sure ___ ". All of them have the same meaning.

I'm afraid {
I don't feel the **same** way.
I don't **agree** with you.
I don't agree with what you said.
I **disagree** with you.
I **can't** get along with you.

I'm not sure { I feel the same way.
I agree with you.
 I agree with what you said.
 I can get along with you.

2. The common **disagreement** expression “I don’t think so” is a shortened expression of “I don’t **think** that English is a difficult language to learn.“. This expression has the meaning; “I think that English is not a difficult **language** to learn.“. Students should learn the real meaning of this expression. Now tell your friend the **real** meanings of disagreements below.

1) Ted: EN 204 is **difficult** to learn.

Sam : I don’t think so.

Long form : _____.

Meaning : _____

2) Ted: RU is the best university.

Sam : I don’t think so.

Long form : _____

Meaning : _____

3) Ted: **To be a doctor is better than to be a professor.**

Sam : I don’t **think** so.

Long form : _____

Meaning : _____

3. Fortactfuldis**agreement, a speaker may express an agreement with the speaker's** point of view then, disagree with another point. Study the expressions of disagreement below. Complete' them.

Agreements		Disagreements
Yes, that's quite true, I agree , I suppose you're right, I appreciate your point, I'm sorry ,	but	Russian is even more difficult.
		Its grammar is easy.
		I still think Russian is more difficult.

4. For friendly **disagreement**, direct **disagreement** expressions are used. They are :
 "Come off it!", "Are you kidding!", "Really!", "Don't make me laugh !".

B4. Practice : Listening / Speaking and Writing exercisea

B4.1 Questions-Answer drills : Pair-work activity

Your friend : Killing **seems** to be **normal** now.

Your **(agreement)** : _____

(3 possibilities) _____

Your **friend** : Child **labour** can not be **prevented** in Thailand.

Your (disagreement) : _____

(3 possibilities) _____

Your **friend** : Space travel is a waste of money.

Your **(agreement)** : _____

(3 possibilities) _____

Your **friend** : **It's illegal to strike.**

Your (tactful **disagreement**) : _____

(3 possibilities) _____

Your friend : EN 204 is **useful.**

Your (tactful **disagreement**) : _____

(3 possibilities) _____

B4.2 Answer Drills : Look at each picture and then **supply short affirmations/denials or agreements/disagreements** according to the pictures below.

Picture 1

1. This man is coughing.

2. His nose is **running**.

3. He got wet in the rain yesterday.

4. He often sneezes, doesn't he?

5. He must have a headache now.

6. His **temperature** is lowering.



7. His throat might be **burning**.

8. He is coming down with typhoid.

Picture 2

1. Nancy is now on stage.

2. She is **singing, isn't** she?

3. She looks very young.

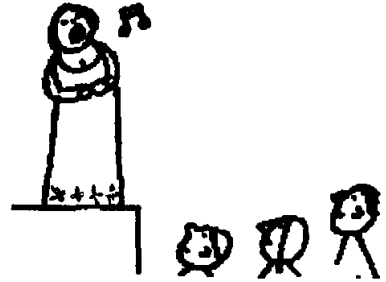
4. She wears a long glittering **dress**.

5. Her fans go wild when listening to her.

6. Her song is emotional.

7. She amazes her **fans**.

8. She is so beautiful and stylish, isn't she?



B4.3 Dictation : Listen to what your instructor says and then fill in the blanks.

1. I thought she was _____
2. I **had** _____ that she was still single.
3. I quite _____ agree.
4. I _____ I don't agree with you.
5. I'm not sure I can _____ you.
6. I _____ agree more.
7. I agree with you _____
8. _____ what I think.
9. _____, I don't think she is.
10. I will _____ give up smoking **cigarettes**.

C. Application

C1. Supply the appropriate responses as directed.

1. Mini-talk 22 :



Tom

Children learn a lot from watching TV.

(Affirmation) **Yes, they do.**



Ed

(Denial) **No, they don't.**



Pat

(Agreement) **You're absolutely right.**



John

(Disagreement) **I don't think so.**



Nancy

2. Mini-talk 23 :



Tom

I think Charlie Chaplin is very funny.

Affirmation : _____

Denial: _____

Agreement : _____

Disagreement : _____

3. Mini-talk 24 :



Tom

The football match was very exciting.

Animation : _____

Denial : _____

Agreement : _____

Disagreement : _____

4. Mini-talk 25 :



Tom

I'm sure it's going to rain again.

Affirmation : _____

Denial : _____

Agreement : _____

Disagreement : _____

C2. Complete the mini-talks below **with** words and **phrases provided**.

particularly / it was / sure / think of / agree

Mini-talk 26 :

Roger : What did you _____ the movie?

Sam: **I thought** _____ **really** exciting, _____ at the end.

Roger : Really? I'm not _____ I _____ with you.

every / hot / afraid / don't / What / said / not

Mini-talk 27:

Bob : _____ do you think of **green** chicken _____ ?

Pat: _____ very good. **It's** not _____ enough.

Bob : Really? I'm _____ I _____ **agree with what you** _____.

should / disagree / foreign / absolutely / ready

Mini-talk 28:

Dr. Johnson : Do you agree that we _____ teach English at all levels?

Mrs. Smith : I _____ entirely. I don't think small kids are _____ to **learn a** _____ **language**.

Dr. Johnson : You're _____ right

C3. Similar meaning

Write a sentence which has a similar **meaning** and similar function for the following.

1. I couldn't agree more.

2. Yes, **that's perfectly right**.

3. You are absolutely **right**, it won't.

4. **I'm** not sure I am get along with you.

5. I'm **afraid** I disagree with you

6. **Are you kidding?**

7. **I'm** sorry, but English grammar is easy.

8. Are you sure? I had an impression that she was still single.

9. **That's** just what I was thinking.

10. I must say I found it so.
