If you put it that way, I suppose… I agree up to a point, but…

I’ll go along with that You could say that. However,…

I’ll take your word on it Although I can see where you are coming from…

Well, you’re the expert I wouldn’t quite put it that way myself

I still have my doubts, but… I still have my doubts.

I’ll give you the benefit of the doubt That doesn’t tally with the information I was given

You have my full agreement I can’t go along with that

I couldn’t agree with you more That’s out of the question

You took the words right out of my mouth You’ve got to be kidding

That’s just what I was going to say I’d like to agree with you…

I second that I find that very difficult to accept

Okay, you’ve convinced me I’m not going to give way on this

Reluctantly,… I thought we’d already decided…

That’s just the point I was trying to make We don’t seem to be in complete agreement

With reservations… There is no way on earth…

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Stage 1 – Language presentation

Work together to put the cards into two columns depending on whether the phrase is used to agree or disagree.

Check your answers with your teacher or the answer key.

Stage 2 – Game

Shuffle up the cards and deal them out between you. Your partner will start giving their opinion on something and you should agree or disagree using one of the phrases in your pack, then give the reasons for your opinion. Your partner will then do the same. Continue until one person has used all their cards, changing topics if you need to.

Possible topics:

◊ Ways of improving this room
◊ Ways of improving this city
◊ What the government should do about the economy
◊ Why one product is better than another (e.g. iPhone and Blackberry)
◊ Why one method of transport is better than another
◊ Why one type of food or restaurant is better than another