

7.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking opinions, agreeing and disagreeing

1a Complete the conversations. Use the phrases in the boxes.

I agree I don't know about that I think
What's your opinion Yes, but

- a A ¹ *What's your opinion* of video exercise games?
 B They're OK. I've got a dance video that I use sometimes.
 A My kids want one of those tennis games – they say the games are a good way to keep fit, but
² _____. They can play tennis in the park.
 B ³ _____ only in the summer! With a video game you can exercise inside all year.
 A That's true, but ⁴ _____ children today spend a lot of time in front of computer and TV screens and they need to do more things outside. Things were different when we were kids.
 B ⁵ _____ with you. But the world is a different place now.

I don't agree I don't know about that for me
That's right What do you think

- b A ¹ _____ of this company in London? They use mobile phone technology to check what their workers eat, when they exercise and how they sleep. And they also give them an exercise plan. I think it's a great idea.
 B ² _____ with you.
 A Why not?
 B Well, ³ _____, people's health is their business.
 A ⁴ _____. When people aren't healthy, they can't work and companies lose money.
 B ⁵ _____, of course. But do people really want their bosses to tell them what to eat and when to exercise?
 A Maybe not.

b 7.3))) Listen and check.

2 Put the phrases in the box next to the correct heading. Use the conversations in exercise 1a to help you.

For me, ... I agree (with that). I don't know about that.
 I think ... That's right. ~~What do you think (of ...)?~~
 What's your opinion (of ...)? Yes, but ...

- 1 Asking for opinions: *What do you think (of ...)?*

 2 Giving opinions: _____

 3 Agreeing: _____

 4 Disagreeing: _____

Writing post a website comment

3 Read the text and the comments. Choose the correct options.

New research shows that people spend four hours online – playing video games, using social media, texting and tweeting – and four hours thirty minutes watching TV. Do we live in a virtual world? Do we talk less to real people? What do you think?

RS, Wales I ¹ *think / agree*. People don't talk to each other anymore. They work with computers and they ² *too / also* relax with them.

Agata, Poland You're ³ *right / agree*. I don't think we live in the real world. We look at computer screens at work, then watch TV in the evening, too. We are ⁴ *too / also* always on our phones. But we don't talk on them – we play with them!

Paolo, Italy I don't ⁵ *know / agree* about that. People communicate in different ways! Some people chat online, others chat on their phones. And sometimes we also have conversations with real people 😊. I'm afraid I don't really ⁶ *think / agree* with these opinions.

Meg, Australia That's ⁷ *true / agree*, Paolo. What's the problem? For me, computers are fun, but I spend time with friends, ⁸ *too / now*.

I can ...

	Very well	Quite well	More practice
ask for and give opinions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
agree and disagree.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
post a comment on a website.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>