

Handout 1

A - Hello mate, did you catch the boxing over the weekend?

B - No, boxing is really not my cup of tea. In fact, I'm not sure people should even be allowed to do it.

A - Really? I didn't know you felt like this! I mean I can see where you're coming from, but it's almost part of our culture now.

B - Sorry, but I have to disagree with you. I mean if punching people is part of our culture then that's pretty sad.

A - What a load of rubbish! There's so much more to it than that. The techniques these guys use and the respect they have for each other is remarkable.

B - Yeah, but that respect and technique really counts for nothing when someone ends up with a brain injury.

A - I see where you're coming from, but cases like that are really rare and the fighters know the risk.

B - Yeah, I guess so. However, who knows what long term effect boxing has. For all we know a high percentage of retired boxers suffer from boxing related conditions later in life.

A - Hmm, maybe. I think more research needs to be done

B - Well I can't argue with that! I completely agree!

A - I guess we'll have to agree to disagree about boxing for now then!

B - Hahaha looks like it!

Agreement	Disagreement
<p data-bbox="236 1234 355 1272"><u>Strong:</u></p> <p data-bbox="236 1592 491 1630"><u>Reluctant/weak</u></p>	<p data-bbox="805 1234 925 1272"><u>Strong:</u></p> <p data-bbox="805 1592 1013 1630"><u>Polite/weak:</u></p>

Handout 2

1. I see _____ you're _____,

but I think...

2. Yeah, I _____ so.

3. I _____ agree with you.

4. _____, but I have to _____ with you.

5. What a _____ of _____.

6. I _____ disagree with you.

7. Well _____

with that.