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I'm not sure I agree



Welcome

You should never disagree during meetings. The aim should always be to reach agreement.



Disagreement is an important part of solving problems. If it leads to conflict, that's great. Conflict is creative and produces solutions.



It's OK to disagree sometimes, but too much disagreement just causes conflict, and conflict keeps you from getting real work done.



Which opinion(s) do you agree with? Discuss your answers with a partner.



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- 1** Three managers at the pan-European consultancy Proflexis are brainstorming questions to ask job candidates in a group interview. Listen and tick the six topics they want to ask questions about.

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| budgets <input type="checkbox"/> | project planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| deadlines vs quality <input type="checkbox"/> | staff <input type="checkbox"/> |
| flexibility <input type="checkbox"/> | team building <input type="checkbox"/> |
| junior & senior members <input type="checkbox"/> | time management <input type="checkbox"/> |

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to get the ball rolling
spustit co
 outcome *výsledek*



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- 2** How will the managers ask for the participants' opinions during the interview? Listen again and mark the phrase or word you hear.

- 1 Would you like to **comment on** / **respond to** that?
- 2 Do you **think so** / **agree**?
- 3 Tell us what you think **about** / **of** this.
- 4 Does anyone **have any opinions on** / **want to say anything about** that?
- 5 What do you **feel** / **think** about that?
- 6 Does anyone want to give us their **views** / **ideas** on this?



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3 Now look at how the managers express opinions. Listen to the meeting at Proflexis again and write the missing words into the sentence beginnings below. Can you match the words to the Czech translations?

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| 1 | <input type="text" value="a"/> | _____ , we need to think of some difficult ... | a | evidentně, zjevně |
| 2 | <input type="text"/> | _____ , I think we should ask ... | b | osobně |
| 3 | <input type="text"/> | And _____ , I think that we haven't asked ... | c | upřímně, otevřeně |
| 4 | <input type="text"/> | _____ , it's more important to meet a project deadline ... | d | v podstatě |
| 5 | <input type="text"/> | _____ , that's probably all we'll have ... | e | upřímně řečeno |

Listen again and match the beginnings (1–5) to the endings (A–E) to form sentences from the dialogue.

- A ... time to talk about.
 B ... than to guarantee the quality of the project outcome.
 C ... questions about project management.
 D ... about project planning.
 E ... enough questions about team building in the past.

4 Unjumble the words to make sentences used to ask for or express opinions. Can you say which is which?

- 1 about / our website / you think / what do / redesigning
What do you think about redesigning our website?

- 2 her job well / in my mind / that she does / well, / there's really no doubt

- 3 to finish / we should try / the report / more quickly

- 4 that I should chair / the annual general meeting / do you think

- 5 should invest / that we / in a new IT system / it's absolutely clear

- 6 instead / for you / is it possible / to fly to Minsk

- 7 a new corporate image / but I think / I could be wrong / that we need

- 8 feel that / by ship instead / send the goods / we should / do you

Asking for an opinion: 1 _____

Expressing an opinion: _____