

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking
Activity: sentence completion, reading and responding to statements, controlled and freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Agreeing and disagreeing

So, neither, nor

Aim

To agree and disagree with positive and negative statements.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

This agreeing and disagreeing activity helps to teach students how to agree and disagree with positive and negative statements.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

To begin, students complete the statements on the worksheet with information that is true for them.

Next, draw the students' attention to the language at the bottom of the worksheet.

Go through how to agree and disagree with positive and negative statements using the examples on the worksheet.

Next, in pairs, one student goes first and reads their statements to their partner, e.g. 'Last weekend, I went to the park'.

Their partner listens and reacts by agreeing or disagreeing with each statement, paying attention to whether the statement is positive or negative, e.g. 'So did I'.

When the student has read out all their statements, the two students swap roles.

At the end of the activity, pairs of students report back to the class on the things they agreed on.

A. Complete the positive and negative statements with information that is true for you.

1. Last weekend, I
2. My favourite kind of music is
3. I'm not very good at
4. In the evening, I usually
5. I've never been to
6. I've got a friend called
7. I would like to tomorrow.
8. I had for breakfast.
9. I've always wanted to
10. I like eating
11. I used to as a child.
12. I'm interested in learning how to
13. I want to in the future.
14. I didn't yesterday.
15. I can quite well.
16. I like watching
17. I like to when I'm on holiday.
18. I like going to at the weekend.
19. When I wake up, the first thing I do is
20. I'm not keen on

B. In pairs, practice agreeing and disagreeing to your partner's statements using the language below.
So ... I and Neither/Nor ... I are used to express agreement to a statement.

So + auxiliary verb + subject is used to agree with a positive statement.

A: I am hungry.
 A: I went to class.
 A: I want to eat pizza.

B: So am I.
 B: So did I.
 B: So do I.

Neither / Nor + auxiliary verb + subject is used to agree with a negative statement.

A: I am not hungry.
 A: I didn't go to class.
 A: I don't want to eat pizza.

B: Neither am I.
 B: Nor did I.
 B: Neither do I.

Subject + positive or negative auxiliary verb is used to express disagreement.

If the auxiliary verb is positive, make the reply negative to disagree. If it's negative, make the reply positive.

A: I am hungry.
 A: I didn't go to class.
 A: I want to eat pizza.

B: I'm not.
 B: I did.
 B: I don't.