

## 8 SPEAKING COURSE Part 3:

### Discussion phrases (Having a discussion) ▶ p. 56 • WB (p. 73) 🔊 12, 13

a) Tick the correct phrase. During a discussion, what would you say...

1 when you want to know someone's opinion?

- A I see what you mean.     B What do you think?     C Could you say that again, please?

2 when you say what you think?

- A I agree with you.     B In my opinion, ...     C No, that's not right.

3 when you think/feel the same as the speaker?

- A Could you say that again?     B I agree with you.     C Let me explain.

4 when you want to say that you understand the speaker's point?

- A I see what you mean.     B Wait a minute. Let me finish.  
 C Sorry, I don't agree with you.

5 when you are speaking and someone else starts to speak?

- A No, that's not right.     B Could you say that again, please?  
 C Wait a minute. Let me finish.

6 when you don't think/feel the same as the speaker?

- A Sorry, I don't agree with you.     B I know you're right.  
 C That's true.

7 when you think what someone said is wrong?

- A I don't understand what you mean.     B You're right.     C No, that's not right.

b) Read the discussion phrases below. Then listen (🔊 12) to Guy, Mel and Ali, three British teenagers who are talking about ASBOs. Write down the order that you hear the discussion phrases in (2–11).

I agree with you. _____	( 5 )	That's a good point. _____	( 3 )
In my opinion, ... _____	( 1 )	I see what you mean. _____	( 9 )
Wait a minute. Let me finish. _____	( 2 )	Sorry, but I don't agree with you. _____	( 6 )
What do you think? _____	( 4 )	No, that's not right. _____	( 10 )
First, ... _____	( 7 )	That's true. _____	( 11 )
Second, ... _____	( 8 )		

c) Listen again (🔊 13) to the discussion and in the pauses fill in the missing phrases from b). Do this exercise at least twice.



Try to do this exercise without looking at the phrases in b.

(Of course, the solution follows the order in b ...)