

# I See It Differently: 4 Polite Ways to Disagree

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**Study task:** Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

Martin, every meeting should begin at seven in the morning.

I am not sure about that.

People are more productive early.

I see it differently.

Are you disagreeing with me very politely?

Yes.

And I have two more expressions ready.

Then this is clearly today's lesson.

Welcome to Your English Toolbox.

I am Julia.

And I am Martin.

This is episode four of Everyday Useful Expressions, our series of ready-made English for real situations.

Today we are learning four natural ways to disagree without sounding aggressive or dismissive.

Our first expression is: I'm not sure about that.

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It is a gentle way to show doubt or disagreement.

You are not saying the other person is wrong.

You are saying you are not convinced.

For example: I'm not sure about that.

The earlier plan may be safer.

Or: I'm not sure about that.

We have not seen all the figures yet.

Tone matters.

Say it calmly, then explain your reason.



If you only say, I'm not sure about that, and stop, it can sound cold.

A short explanation makes the disagreement useful.

Our second expression is: I see it differently.

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This means that you have another interpretation or opinion.

It is direct, but still respectful.

For example: I see it differently.

Flexible hours could improve productivity.

Or: I understand your concern, but I see it differently.

This expression focuses on perspective, not personal conflict.

Exactly.

Two people can look at the same facts and see them differently.

Our third expression is: That's not necessarily the case.

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We use it when someone presents an idea as always true, but you believe there are exceptions or missing information.

For example: Working from home always reduces teamwork.

That's not necessarily the case.

Some remote teams communicate extremely well.

Or: Expensive equipment always produces better results.

That's not necessarily the case.

Skill and preparation also matter.

The word necessarily is important.

You are not saying the idea is completely false.

You are saying it is not true in every situation.

Our fourth expression is especially useful when you partly agree.

I take your point, but...

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It means: I understand your argument, but I still have a different view or concern.

For example: I take your point, but a seven o'clock meeting would be difficult for parents.

Or: I take your point, but we should test the idea before changing the whole system.



This expression acknowledges the other person before introducing a contrast.

It is excellent for meetings, discussions and thoughtful conversations.

Be careful not to use the first half dishonestly.

If you say, I take your point, you should genuinely understand what the other person means.

Let us compare all four expressions.

I'm not sure about that expresses gentle doubt.

I see it differently introduces another perspective.

That's not necessarily the case challenges a general claim.

And I take your point, but... recognises part of an argument before presenting a different view.

Time for a quick challenge.

Choose the most natural response before we answer.

Situation one.

Someone says that online learning never works, and you want to mention successful students.

That's not necessarily the case.

Situation two.

You understand your colleague's concern, but you want to suggest a trial period.

I take your point, but we could test it for one month.

Situation three.

You have a different interpretation of the same results.

I see it differently.

Situation four.

A friend makes a suggestion, and you want to express gentle doubt before explaining why.

I'm not sure about that.

Now practise one complete response.

Begin with: I take your point, but...

Remember: polite disagreement is not about hiding your opinion.

It is about making space for both the relationship and the idea.

On the episode page at [yourenglishtoolbox.com](https://yourenglishtoolbox.com/resources/episode-130-transcript/), you will find five additional expressions for polite disagreement.

Each one includes its meaning, tone, two examples and active practice in all our supported languages.

The direct link is in the episode description.



Now, Julia, about those seven o'clock meetings.

They would make the whole team more productive.

I take your point, but half the team would still be asleep.

That's not necessarily the case.

You are practising the expressions now.

I see it differently.

I am defending an excellent idea.

I'm not sure about that.

Very good.

We may disagree, but the English is perfect.

See you next time, friends.

Goodbye.

