LISTENING – EXPRESSING OPINIONS

1 (Track 8) Listen and match each conversation (1 – 6) with a topic (a –f).

a   smoking   _____

b   exams   _____

c   computer games   _____

d vegetarianism   _____

e   traffic   _____

f obesity   _____

2 Listen to each conversation again. Do the people agree or disagree?

1 _agree_____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

3 Listen once more and write three expressions in each column.

Expressions to agree with someone	Expressions to disagree with someone
That´s exactly what I think.	

DEFENDING OPINIONS

Speaking strategy: Arguing your point

1 Match each statement (a – e) with a response (1 – 5).

a   I think politicians these days are all the same. _4__

b   I believe that marriage should be for life. ____

c   From my point of view, killing animals for sport is wrong. _____

d   It seems to me that the world is getting more dangerous. _____

e   In my opinion, working overtime is too stressful. _____

1   **You may be right, but** a lot of people enjoy hunting.

2   **I may be wrong, but** isn´t there less crime these days?

3   **I agree to some extent, but** the extra money is handy.

4   **Yes, but** it´s still important to vote.

5   **I know what you mean, but** isn´t divorce increasing?

To rehearse and prepare for your final speeches do the following exercises.

2 (Track 9) Listen to each statement in Exercise 1 (a – e) and speak each response.

3 Listen again to each statement and give different response. Begin each reply with one of the expressions in bold.

4 (Track 10) Now listen and respond to five more statements. Begin each reply with one of the expressions in bold.

Example: a

You hear: If you ask me, there are too many cars on the roads these days.

You say: *I know what you mean, but everyone needs a car.*