

Opinions the same or different

*Without looking at the list below, listen to your teacher and raise one of the two cards that you have been given depending on what you think about the meanings of the phrases you hear. **Don't worry about any formality differences.***

Label the phrases below with S for "The same" or D for "Different". If there are more than two, they are all the same or all different.

- As far as I know,.../ As far as I'm concerned,...
- As far as I know,.../ To the best of my knowledge,...
- Do you have any thoughts on...?/ Do you have a view on...?
- Frankly,.../ In my honest opinion,...
- I couldn't agree with you more./ I can't agree.
- I can't argue with that./ I can't agree.
- I would still argue that.../ I can't argue with that.
- I have my doubts./ No doubt.
- I really don't think so./ I don't really think so.
- I reckon.../ I suppose.../ I guess.../ I imagine...
- I'm positive that.../ I feel positive about...
- I'm certain that.../ I'm sure that.../ I have no doubt that.../ I'm positive that...
- If that were the case,.../ If that's the case, I guess...
- If you want my opinion,.../ If you ask me,...
- If you ask me,.../ In my opinion,...
- You're not joking!/ Are you kidding?
- Off the top of my head,.../ I've never really thought about this before, but...
- Plainly,.../ Clearly,.../ Obviously,...
- That is a common belief, but.../ That is a common misconception.
- That isn't true./ Not only is that true...
- That seems logical./ That seems to make sense.
- That's just what I think./ That's exactly what I think.
- That's just what I was going to say./ You took the words right out of my mouth.
- What do you think about...?/ How do you feel about...?
- You can say that again!/ Can you say that again?
- You've convinced me./ You've changed my mind./ You've persuaded me.

Check your answers, then test each other in pairs, with the same game, or saying one which has one with the same meaning and seeing if your partner can say that thing.

What's the difference?

The phrases on each line below have slightly different meanings. How do these small changes alter the meaning?

- Do you think...?/ Do you really think...?
- Do you think that...?/ Don't you think that...?
- You could be right./ You coooooould be right.
- I think so./ I thiiiiiiink so.
- That's very true./ That's so true.
- What's your opinion on...?/ Do you have an opinion on...?
- I can see why you might think that./ I can see why YOU might think that.

Cards for students to hold up

Photocopy and cut out one of each card per student.

The same	Different
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