

Speaking
حل المشاكل – solving Problem

أنواع المشاعر	Examples	المعنى
Indecision التردد	I'm torn between ... and ...	أنا بين و بين
	I'm on the fence (about) ...	أنا على الحياد بالنسبة لـ
	I'm having second thoughts.	لدي أفكار ثانية
	I can't make up my mind.	لا أستطيع اتخاذ القرار
	On the one hand, ... but on the other hand, ...	من ناحية ولكن من ناحية أخرى
	I can't put my finger on it, but ...	لا أستطيع أن أضع إصبعي على ذلك، ولكن.
Agreement الاتفاق	You're spot on!	انت على صواب.
	That's what I was going to say!	هذا ما كنت سأقوله
	Absolutely!	بالتأكيد
Disagreement الخلاف	It doesn't grab me.	هذا لا يهمني
	I think we're on the wrong track.	أعتقد أننا على مسار خاطئ
	That's a good point, but ...	هذه نقطة جيدة، ولكن
	Ok, but another option might be ...	حسنا، لكن النقطة الأخرى قد تكون ...
	Seriously?!	بجد؟!
Reaching a Decision الوصول إلى قرار	So, let's make a decision on this.	إذن دعونا نتخذ قرار بهذا الشأن
	Okay, so shall we go with ...?	حسنا، هل نذهب مع النقطة ...؟
	It looks as if we agree that ...	يبدو أننا نتفق على

4 Complete the discussion with phrases from the Speaking box. (SB 22)

Aisha: Which poster do you prefer?

Faten: I don't know. I'm 1 _____ this one with the water bottle, and that one with the bright colours.

Nadia: I can't put 2 _____, but the one with the water bottle doesn't 3 _____.

Faten: Maybe it's just not original?

Aisha: I don't think this idea will really inspire people to take part. It takes a lot of effort to remember to bring in a reusable bottle. We need to think about how to motivate people to do it.

Faten: That's a 4 _____, but maybe that depends on how we present the concept.

Nadia: Yes, you're 5 _____, Faten! That's why we need a poster that really makes an impact.

Aisha: OK, let's make a decision on which poster then. Will 6 _____ the one with the bright colours?

Nadia: Yes, it looks 7 _____ that one is the best idea.

Answers

1. torn between 2. my finger on it 3. grab me 4. good point 5. Spot on 6. We go with 7. As if we agree



2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. (WB 20)

1. It looks as *(if / like)* we agree that we need a recycling bin in each classroom.
2. I'm *(on/ over)* the fence about it to be honest.
3. OK, but another *(option / decision)* might be to wait a bit longer.
4. So, let's *(do / make)* a decision on this, shall we?

3 Complete the conversation with the correct words from the Speaking box. (WB 20)

Fadi: So we have to choose one of these posters to promote our environmental campaign the school clothes swap day. What do you think? I'm **1 torn** between these two.

Talal: That's what I was going to 2 _____! I can't make up my 3 _____ which one though. I mean – on the one 4 _____ the poster with the wave of clothes is visually striking, but on the other hand, the one with the two guys is quite funny.

Fadi: It is, but something about it doesn't 5 _____ me. I can't quite put my 6 _____ on it. Maybe it needs a better caption or something?

Talal: That's a good 7 _____, but I'm not sure I can think of anything better.

Fadi: Maybe something like 'Clothes swap day - not just for girls!'

Talal: Hmm. I think we're on the wrong 8 _____ with the gender thing. How about 'You never know what you'll find at clothes swap day'. Sort of like these two guys found each other among the clothes, if you know what I mean.

Fadi: I think you're 9 _____ on! I like it!

Talal: OK, so will we 10 _____ with this one then?

Fadi: Definitely. I'll change the caption and print a few off.

Answers → 1. torn 2. say 3. mind 4. hand 5. grab 6. finger 7. point 8. track 9. spot 10. go