

Language use: Expressing an opinion, agreeing and disagreeing

19 In the course of the interview in Exercise 18, the lawyer and her clients express opinions and agree and disagree about several points. The words and phrases they use are shown below. Match each phrase (1-14) to its function:

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| 0 | expressing an opinion |
| A | expressing agreement |
| A+D | expressing agreement, but adding an opposing view |
- Exactly!
 - I agree with you, Mr Howard, but we have to look at what the law says.
 - I don't think we can risk waiting until they have had a chance to kick their drug habits!
 - John's right - we need to act on this now.
 - I'm afraid I have to disagree with you both.
 - In my opinion, you risk more by acting hastily, by making a knee-jerk reaction to the problem.
 - That may be true, but we can't just sit back and do nothing.
 - I couldn't agree more!
 - I see your point ...
 - ... you're absolutely right - you do bear responsibility for the safety of others.
 - That's not a bad idea ...

20 Which phrases in Exercise 19 do you think express agreement strongly?

24 Complete the phrases below using the words in the box.

ask	concerned	firmly	me	mind	my	opinion
point	see	seems	think	would		

- In my _____, it ...
- The way I _____ it, ...
- To my _____, ...
- In _____ view, ...
- If you _____ me, ...
- From my _____ of view, ...
- As far as I'm _____, ...
- I _____ to me that ...
- I _____ believe ...
- For _____, ...
- I _____ argue that ...

Complete these responses to a statement made by another speaker in a discussion using the words *point* or *view*. In one case, both words can be used.

- I take your _____.
- I'm afraid I don't share your _____ on this.
- That's really not the _____ at all.
- In my _____, that's precisely the issue.
- I don't quite get your _____ here.
- It seems to me you're missing the _____.
- That's my _____ exactly.
- I think that's beside the _____, really.

Law of probate

Match the words with their definitions.

1. Probate	A. Document stating what a person has decided to do with his property after his death
2. Inherit	B. Person making a will
3. Will	C. Legal process of settling the estate of a deceased person, the official proving of a will as authentic or valid
4. Testator	D. Tax paid from money you have received from a dead person
5. Witness	E. Not having left a will
6. Bequeath	F. To leave or give by will
7. Intestate	G. Receive the property of a dead person
8. Succession	H. There is a will dealing with some of the dead person's property but not all of it
9. Partial intestacy	I. Someone who is asked to be present at a particular event and sign their name in order to prove things have been done correctly
10. Inheritance tax	J. The act or process of becoming entitled as a legal beneficiary to the property of a deceased person

Complete the sentence with a correct word.

- There are laws of _____ which clearly lay down who is entitled to the property of an intestate person and in what order.
- Many people never make a will, they die _____.
- In the case of _____ both the terms of the will and the laws of succession need to be applied.
- In general, _____ is payable on all gifts made from an estate.
- There must be two _____ to sign the will.
- The _____ need not be drawn up by a lawyer but there are certain regulations about how it must be made.
- _____ generally lasts several months, occasionally over a year before all the property can be distributed.
- According to Islamic inheritance jurisprudence, sons _____ twice as much as daughters when no will is left.
- The dying man decided to _____ all his worldly possessions to his dog.
- The _____ must demonstrate that he has the capacity to dispose of his property, and does so freely and willingly.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

[Name of 1.zůstavitel]

I, _____ [Name of Testator], a resident of _____, Florida, being of 2.sound mind and memory and over the age of eighteen (18) years or lawfully married or having been lawfully married or a member of the armed forces of the United States or a member of an auxiliary of the armed forces of the United States or a member of the maritime service of the United States, and not being actuated by any 3.nátlak, menace, fraud, mistake, or 4.nepřípustné ovlivňování, do make, publish, and declare this to be my last Will, 5.hereby expressly revoking all Wills and Codicils previously made by me.

I. MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

I am married to _____, and all references in this Will to my _____ [husband or wife] are references to _____ [him or her]. I have the following children:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

II. EXECUTOR: I appoint _____ as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and provide if this Executor is unable or unwilling to serve then I appoint _____ as alternate Executor. My Executor shall be 6.zmocněn vykonávat all provisions of this Will and pay my just debts, obligations and 7.náklady na pohřeb.

III. 8.GUARDIAN: In the event I shall die as the 9.sole parent of 10.nezletilých dětí, then I appoint _____ as Guardian of said minor children. If this named Guardian is unable or unwilling to serve, then I appoint _____ as alternate Guardian.

IV. SIMULTANEOUS DEATH OF SPOUSE: In the event that my _____ [wife or husband] shall die simultaneously with me or there is no direct evidence to establish that my _____ [wife or husband] and I died other than simultaneously, I direct that I shall be deemed to have survived my _____ [wife or husband], notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and that the provisions of my Will shall be construed on such presumption.

V. SIMULTANEOUS DEATH OF 11.BENEFICIARY: If any beneficiary of this Will, including any beneficiary of any trust established by this Will, other than my _____ [wife or husband], shall 12.do 30 dnů od mé smrti or 13.prior to 14.rozdělení mého majetku, I 15.hereby declare that I shall be deemed to have survived such person.

VI. BEQUESTS:

I will, give, and 16.odkazuji unto the persons named below, if he or she survives me, the Property described below:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Relationship: _____
Property: _____

If a named beneficiary to this Will 17.predeceases me, the bequest to such person shall 18.lapse, and the property shall pass under the other provisions of this Will. If I do not possess or own any property listed above on the date of my death, the bequest of that property shall lapse.

WITNESSES

The foregoing instrument, consisting of _____ pages, including this page, was signed in our presence by _____ [name of Testator] and declared by _____ [him or her] to be _____ [his or her] last Will. We, at the request and in the presence of _____ [him or her] and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names below as witnesses. We declare that we are of sound mind and of the proper age to witness a will, that to the best of our knowledge the testator is of 19.the age of majority, or is otherwise legally competent to make a will, and appears of sound mind and under no undue influence or constraint. 20.Under penalty of perjury, we declare these statements are true and correct on this _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____, State of Florida.

[Signature of Witness #1]

[Printed or typed name of Witness #1]

[Address of Witness #1, Line 1]