**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.**

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

(Source: Real Listening and Speaking by Miles Craven. CUP, 2008.)