

Meeting English — B1

Lesson 2: Discussion and Debate

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Vocabulary

Word	Type	Definition	Example
propose	<i>verb</i>	to formally suggest a plan or idea for others to consider	I propose we increase the marketing budget.
counter-proposal	<i>noun</i>	a different suggestion made in response to an original proposal	Their counter-proposal was to reduce costs instead.
objection	<i>noun</i>	a reason for disagreeing with or opposing something	He raised an objection to the new timeline.
raise a point	<i>verb phrase</i>	to mention a topic or issue for discussion	May I raise a point about the data?
clarify	<i>verb</i>	to make something clearer or easier to understand	Could you clarify what you mean by that?
elaborate	<i>verb</i>	to give more detail or explanation about something	Please elaborate on your suggestion.
challenge	<i>verb</i>	to question or argue against an idea or decision	She challenged the assumptions in the report.
support	<i>verb</i>	to agree with and back up an idea or position	I fully support this proposal.
oppose	<i>verb</i>	to disagree with and argue against something	Two members opposed the change.
consensus	<i>noun</i>	a general agreement among all or most members of a group	We reached a consensus after an hour of discussion.

Exercise 1: True or False

Read each statement. Write True or False on the line.

1. A counter-proposal responds to an original proposal with a different suggestion.

2. To clarify means to make something more confusing. _____

3. An objection is a reason for disagreeing with something. _____

4. To oppose means to agree with something. _____

5. To elaborate means to give more detail. _____

6. Consensus means general agreement. _____

7. To challenge means to accept an idea without question. _____
8. To raise a point means to mention a topic for discussion. _____

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1. I _____ we increase the marketing budget.
a) oppose b) raise c) propose d) challenge
2. Could you _____ what you mean by that?
a) elaborate b) clarify c) oppose d) support
3. Please _____ on your suggestion.
a) challenge b) elaborate c) clarify d) propose
4. He raised an _____ to the new timeline.
a) support b) proposal c) consensus d) objection
5. We reached a _____ after an hour of discussion.
a) counter-proposal b) objection c) consensus d) challenge
6. She _____ the assumptions in the report.
a) supported b) clarified c) opposed d) challenged
7. Two members _____ the change.
a) raised b) proposed c) opposed d) elaborated
8. Their _____ was to reduce costs instead.
a) objection b) counter-proposal c) consensus d) support

Exercise 3: Matching

Match each word or phrase (1–8) with its definition (a–h).

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| 1. propose | a. a different suggestion in response to a proposal |
| 2. counter-proposal | b. to give more detail |
| 3. objection | c. to make something clearer |
| 4. clarify | d. to disagree with and argue against |
| 5. elaborate | e. to formally suggest a plan |
| 6. challenge | f. to question or argue against |
| 7. oppose | g. general agreement among members |
| 8. consensus | h. a reason for disagreeing |

Exercise 4: Gap Fill

Word bank: consensus | objection | elaborate | opposed | counter-proposal | challenged | clarify | propose

1. I _____ we increase the marketing budget.

2. Could you _____ what you mean?
3. Please _____ on your suggestion.
4. He raised an _____ to the timeline.
5. We reached a _____ after an hour.
6. She _____ the assumptions in the report.
7. Two members _____ the change.
8. Their _____ was to reduce costs.

Exercise 5: Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. I / propose / we / increase / the / marketing / budget.
2. Could / you / clarify / what / you / mean / by / that?
3. Please / elaborate / on / your / suggestion.
4. He / raised / an / objection / to / the / new / timeline.
5. We / reached / a / consensus / after / an / hour / of / discussion.
6. She / challenged / the / assumptions / in / the / report.
7. Two / members / opposed / the / change.
8. Their / counter-proposal / was / to / reduce / costs / instead.

Exercise 6: Word Sort

Sort the words into the correct category.

Words: elaborate | consensus | objection | propose | support | counter-proposal | challenge | raise a point | oppose | clarify

Nouns

_____	_____	_____
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Verbs

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Verb Phrase

Exercise 7: Complete the Conversation

Fill in the missing word in each line.

Kim: I _____ we extend the project deadline.

Leo: I'd like to raise a point. May I _____?

Kim: Of course. Please _____.

Leo: I have an _____. The cost is too high.

Kim: Could you _____ your concerns?

Leo: Our _____ is to reduce the scope.

Kim: I _____ a review, but I won't _____ new ideas.

Leo: Good. Let's find a _____.

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Exercise 1: True or False — Answers

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. False
8. True

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice — Answers

1. c) propose
2. b) clarify
3. b) elaborate
4. d) objection
5. c) consensus
6. d) challenged
7. c) opposed
8. b) counter-proposal

Exercise 3: Matching — Answers

1. propose → e) to formally suggest a plan
2. counter-proposal → a) a different suggestion in response to a proposal
3. objection → h) a reason for disagreeing
4. clarify → c) to make something clearer
5. elaborate → b) to give more detail
6. challenge → f) to question or argue against
7. oppose → d) to disagree with and argue against
8. consensus → g) general agreement among members

Exercise 4: Gap Fill — Answers

1. propose
2. clarify
3. elaborate
4. objection
5. consensus
6. challenged
7. opposed
8. counter-proposal

Exercise 5: Word Order — Answers

1. I propose we increase the marketing budget.

2. Could you clarify what you mean by that?
3. Please elaborate on your suggestion.
4. He raised an objection to the new timeline.
5. We reached a consensus after an hour of discussion.
6. She challenged the assumptions in the report.
7. Two members opposed the change.
8. Their counter-proposal was to reduce costs instead.

Exercise 6: Word Sort — Answers

Nouns: counter-proposal, objection, consensus

Verbs: propose, clarify, elaborate, challenge, support, oppose

Verb Phrase: raise a point

Exercise 7: Complete the Conversation — Answers

1. Kim: I propose we extend the project deadline.
2. Leo: I'd like to raise a point. May I raise a point?
3. Kim: Of course. Please elaborate.
4. Leo: I have an objection. The cost is too high.
5. Kim: Could you clarify your concerns?
6. Leo: Our counter-proposal is to reduce the scope.
7. Kim: I support a review, but I won't oppose new ideas.
8. Leo: Good. Let's find a consensus.