

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 consideration	She proposed moving the deadline to next month.
counter-proposal	<i>noun</i>	a different suggestion made in response to an original one	His counter-proposal was to reduce the budget instead.
objection	<i>noun</i>	a reason given against an idea or proposal	He raised an objection to the new working hours.
raise a point	<i>phrase</i>	to introduce a topic or concern for discussion	May I raise a point about the budget?
clarify	<i>verb</i>	to make something easier to understand by explaining it better	Can you clarify what you mean by that?
elaborate	<i>verb</i>	to give more detail or explanation about something	Could you elaborate on your second point?
challenge	<i>verb</i>	to question or disagree with an idea or statement	She challenged the assumption that costs would fall.
support	<i>verb</i>	to agree with and back up an idea or proposal	Several members supported the revised proposal.
oppose	<i>verb</i>	to be against an idea or proposal	He strongly opposed the restructuring plan.
consensus	<i>noun</i>	a general agreement reached by a group	The team reached a consensus on the launch date.

Exercise 1: True or False

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

1. A counter-proposal is a different suggestion made in response to another. _____
2. To elaborate means to give less detail. _____
3. An objection is a reason given against an idea. _____
4. To reach a consensus means the group cannot agree. _____
5. To challenge means to question an idea. _____

6. To raise a point means to introduce a topic for discussion. _____
7. To oppose means to strongly agree with a proposal. _____
8. To clarify means to make something easier to understand. _____

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1. She _____ the plan to cut the training budget.
a) proposed **b)** challenged **c)** elaborated **d)** opposed
2. Can you _____ on your third point? I need more details.
a) clarify **b)** elaborate **c)** challenge **d)** raise
3. His _____ was to reduce costs over two years, not one.
a) objection **b)** consensus **c)** counter-proposal **d)** support
4. After two hours of debate the team reached a _____.
a) counter-proposal **b)** objection **c)** consensus **d)** proposal
5. May I _____ a point about the project timeline?
a) elaborate **b)** oppose **c)** raise **d)** propose
6. She _____ the idea of reducing the team size.
a) supported **b)** opposed **c)** clarified **d)** raised
7. He raised an _____ to the proposed new schedule.
a) support **b)** consensus **c)** objection **d)** counter-proposal
8. Could you _____ what you mean by "restructuring"?
a) oppose **b)** propose **c)** support **d)** clarify

Exercise 3: Matching

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

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|---------------------|---|
| 1. propose | a. to be against a proposal |
| 2. counter-proposal | b. a reason given against an idea |
| 3. objection | c. a different suggestion made in response to another |
| 4. clarify | d. to make something easier to understand |
| 5. elaborate | e. to formally suggest a plan for consideration |
| 6. challenge | f. a general agreement reached by a group |
| 7. oppose | g. to question or disagree with an idea |
| 8. consensus | h. to give more detail about something |

Exercise 4: Gap Fill

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

1. She _____ a new timeline for the product launch.
2. His _____ was to extend the deadline by two weeks.
3. He raised an _____ to the change in working hours.
4. Can you _____ what you mean by "efficiency gains"?
5. Could you _____ on that point? I want more detail.
6. She _____ the assumption that sales would double.
7. After much debate, the group reached a _____ .
8. Several board members _____ the merger plan.

Exercise 5: Word Order

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

1. deadline / She / moving / month. / the / next / proposed / to
2. you / Can / by / you / what / that? / clarify / mean
3. an / to / raised / hours. / the / objection / He / new / working
4. your / second / Could / you / elaborate / point? / on
5. team / the / The / launch / consensus / on / a / reached / date.
6. challenged / costs / assumption / that / would / fall. / She / the
7. the / plan. / He / restructuring / strongly / opposed
8. His / counter-proposal / instead. / was / the / budget / reduce / to

Exercise 6: Word Sort

Sort the words into the correct category.

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

Verbs

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Nouns

_____	_____	_____
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Phrase

Exercise 7: Complete the Conversation

Fill in the missing word in each line.

Ana: I'd like to _____ a change to the project plan.

Ben: May I _____ first? I have a concern.

Ana: Of course. Please _____.

Ben: I _____ cutting the testing phase. It's too risky.

Ana: Can you _____ what risks you mean exactly?

Ben: Sure. My _____ is that bugs will reach the client.

Ana: That's fair. My _____ is to cut one week only.

Ben: I can _____ that. I think we can reach a consensus.

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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. d) opposed
2. b) elaborate
3. c) counter-proposal
4. c) consensus
5. c) raise
6. a) supported
7. c) objection
8. d) clarify

Exercise 3: Matching — Answers

1. propose → e) to formally suggest a plan for consideration
2. counter-proposal → c) a different suggestion made in response to another
3. objection → b) a reason given against an idea
4. clarify → d) to make something easier to understand
5. elaborate → h) to give more detail about something
6. challenge → g) to question or disagree with an idea
7. oppose → a) to be against a proposal
8. consensus → f) a general agreement reached by a group

Exercise 4: Gap Fill — Answers

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

Exercise 5: Word Order — Answers

1. She proposed moving the deadline to next month.

2. Can you clarify what you mean by that?
3. He raised an objection to the new working hours.
4. Could you elaborate on your second point?
5. The team reached a consensus on the launch date.
6. She challenged the assumption that costs would fall.
7. He strongly opposed the restructuring plan.
8. His counter-proposal was to reduce the budget instead.

Exercise 6: Word Sort — Answers

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

Nouns: counter-proposal, objection, consensus

Phrase: raise a point

Exercise 7: Complete the Conversation — Answers

1. Ana: I'd like to propose a change to the project plan.
2. Ben: May I raise a point first? I have a concern.
3. Ana: Of course. Please elaborate.
4. Ben: I oppose cutting the testing phase. It's too risky.
5. Ana: Can you clarify what risks you mean exactly?
6. Ben: Sure. My objection is that bugs will reach the client.
7. Ana: That's fair. My counter-proposal is to cut one week only.
8. Ben: I can support that. I think we can reach a consensus.