

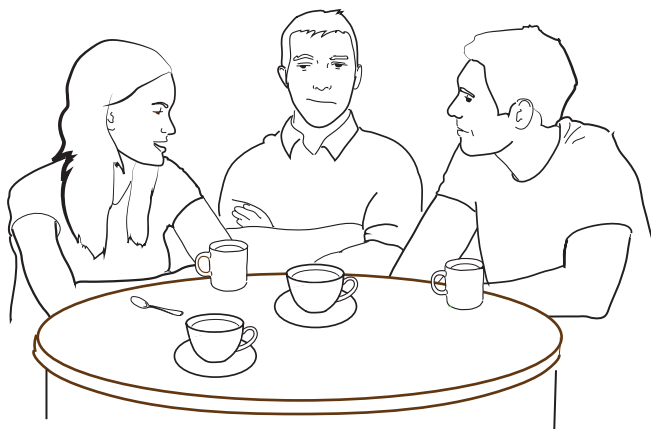
Unit 07 – Compromise: Disagreement and compromise

Review

1 Test your spelling! Complete the expressions with vowels. Write them in the spaces.

Note: the articles 'a' and 'an' are fine as they are.

- 1 tlk smthng vr: _____ B2
- 2 rgns a pttn: _____ B2
- 3 prps a cmprms: _____ B2
- 4 tk lgl ctn: _____ B2
- 5 mke an ffcl cmplt: _____ B2
- 6 thrsh smthng t: _____
- 7 gt vryn's pnn: _____ B1
- 8 prps an ltrntv: _____ B2
- 9 cll a mtng: _____ C1
- 10 rgns a dmnstrtn: _____ B2
- 11 hv a wrd with smn: _____ B2
- 12 tk lgl dvc: _____ B2



2 Cover exercise 1. Complete the sentences with verbs. Use the correct form.

Before ¹_____ legal action, you'd better ²_____ legal advice. It's really important to ³_____ things over with your lawyer.

I'll ⁴_____ a word with the neighbours and try to ⁵_____ everyone's opinion before we consider ⁶_____ an official complaint to the local council. As for the complaint, we'll ⁷_____ a petition, get lots of signatures and present that to the council.

It's a tricky situation but we have to ⁸_____ things out openly and honestly. Hopefully, someone will ⁹_____ a compromise that we can all agree on.

I've ¹⁰_____ this meeting because we're thinking of ¹¹_____ a demonstration for next month. Unless one of you can ¹²_____ an alternative, we intend to go ahead with this. Any suggestions?

Extension

- 3 Look at expressions 1–8 in the short conversations. Tick box A if the expression is about disagreement. Tick box B if the expression is about agreement or compromise.

	A	B
A: I'm afraid there ¹ is a conflict about overtime between ^{B2} management and the employees.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B: Well, they'll have to ² meet each other halfway . No one will get exactly what they want.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A: Let's ³ make a deal ^{B2} . We'll order 100 more cases if you reduce the cost by 15%.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B: Look, I don't want to ⁴ have a dispute about ^{C2} this. I've given you my final offer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A: Hi, Allan, come in. We're just ⁵ having a debate about ^{B2} where to hold the year-end party.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B: I think I can ⁶ settle the argument ^{C1} . Try The Quinton Hotel. It's brilliant!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A: I think we should just ⁷ agree to disagree , and not mention politics again.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B: That's fine with me. I'm tired of ⁸ quarrelling about ^{B2} politics with you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 4 Cover exercise 3. Add the words in brackets () to the correct place in 1–8.

- They had debate about how much homework was suitable but couldn't agree. (a)
- Sometimes, it's best to disagree when there's no possibility of agreement. (agree to)
- They a dispute about parking spaces yesterday. It was all rather childish. (had)
- Are you two quarrelling again which TV programme to watch? (about)
- He wanted to go to Malaga, she to Corfu. They finally settled by going to Monaco. (the argument)
- He absolutely refused to deal with the police. (make a)
- OK, I'll meet you. You pay for the hotel and I'll pay for all our meals. (halfway)
- There's a slight between Tom and Coral about where they want to live. (conflict)

Answer key

- 1 1 talk something over 2 organise a petition
3 propose a compromise 4 take legal action
5 make an official complaint 6 thrash something
out 7 get everyone's opinion 8 propose an
alternative 9 call a meeting 10 organise a
demonstration 11 have a word with someone
12 take legal advice
- 2 1 taking 2 take 3 talk 4 have 5 get 6 making
7 organise 8 thrash 9 propose 10 called
11 organising 12 propose
- 3 1 A 2 B 3 B 4 A 5 A 6 B 7 B 8 A
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and I'll pay for all our meals.
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about where they want to live.