

BBC Learning English – Q & A of the Week

About this script

Please note that this is not a word for word transcript of the programme as broadcast. In the recording and editing process changes may have been made which may not be reflected here.

关于台词的备注:

请注意这不是广播节目的逐字稿件。本文稿可能没有体现录制、编辑过程中对节目做出的改变。

Q & A of the Week: Phrases with agree 关于 **agree** 的短语

Tracy: Hello, and welcome to another episode of Question and Answer of the Week from BBC Learning English. I'm Tracy.

Feifei: 大家好，我是冯菲菲。在你问我答节目中我们回答你在英语学习中遇到的种种难题。

Tracy: This week's question comes from Gao Yuanxue who is in China, and she asked:

Insert

What's the difference between 'agree with' and 'agree to'? And can you tell me some other phrases with the word 'agree'?

Feifei: Interesting question, because these two phrases mean very different things. Don't you agree?

Tracy: Absolutely, I completely agree with Feifei. These two phrases mean very different things.

Feifei: 刚才你用了 'agree with' 这个短语。 You said you agree with me.

Tracy: Yes I did, and that is a very common way of using the phrase 'agree with'. You can say you agree with a person or an idea.

Feifei: 你可以 agree with 一个人或者一个观点。

Tracy: Remember that you must include the word 'with'.

Feifei: 在中文里我们说我同意你的观点，而在英语里我们说 I agree with you, 英语里同意这个词后面加了一个介词 with.

Tracy: Also, remember that when we use 'agree with' it is normally followed by the object in a sentence. For example, I always agree with my boss.

Feifei: Tracy 说在 agree with 后通常加上此句话的宾语 object. 刚刚 Tracy 说她总是认同她老板的观点，这是真的吗 Tracy?

Tracy: Of course. Well most of the time.

Feifei: So what about 'agree to'? 那怎么使用 'agree to'?

Tracy: Well this phrase means that you are agreeing to do something.

Feifei: So can I say that I have agreed to work late today?

Tracy: Yes you can.

Feifei: 在同意去做一件事情的时候，我们使用 **agree to**. Is 'agree to' always followed by a verb?

Tracy: Yes it is Feifei.

Feifei 主语 **subject** 的后面就连 **agree to**, 之后再跟动词不定式 **infinitive verb**. 那刚刚你说你总是同意你老板的观点，不过不是每个人都和你一样。咱们来听听下面这些人谈论他们的老板，第一个人说他们做的一个项目跟预期差了很远。

Insert

Boss: This project is behind schedule. Will you agree to work longer hours?

Employee: Absolutely not!

Boss: How do you think you've performed this year?

Employee: I've been working really hard. In fact I think I deserve a pay rise.

Boss: Well, I'm sorry but I don't agree with you.

Boss: How can we welcome our overseas colleagues?

Employee: I think we should have an office party.

Boss: I don't agree with you. I think we should go out for a meal.

Feifei: Some of those people really did not agree with each other.

Tracy: Yes, they really disagreed.

Feifei: We have just been listening to some people who couldn't reach an agreement.

Tracy: Yes they were unable to reach an agreement. Here we use agreement as a noun.

Feifei: An agreement 可以是一个具体的东西，比如说一个合同或口头承诺。

Tracy: We have a popular saying that we sometimes use when we can't reach an agreement with someone. Do you know it Feifei?

Feifei: Is it, agree to disagree?

Tracy: Yes, when two people just can't agree, they might have to agree to disagree.

Feifei: 当两个人经过讨论后不同意另外一方的看法时我们说 **agree to disagree**, 这样才能继续向前走，否则就会停滞不前。

Tracy: So if I said we should have Chinese dumplings for lunch, what would you say?

Feifei: I would say let's have fish and chips.

Tracy: I think we would have to agree to disagree. I'll have Chinese dumplings and you can have fish and chips.

Feifei: 你为什么不喜欢吃炸鱼薯条?

Tracy: Fish doesn't agree with me.

Feifei: Tracy 说鱼不同意他的观点, 意思就是有时候她吃了鱼后会不舒服。

Tracy: Okay so we have agreed to disagree.

Feifei: 今天我们说了很多关于不同意别人观点的事儿, 该说点儿好的了吧!

Tracy: I couldn't agree more.

Feifei: 又是一个关于 agree 的短语, 能不能讲讲你刚才为什么说 I couldn't agree more.

Tracy: Sure, if someone agrees 100% with something another person has said, they might say, I couldn't agree more.

Feifei: 说到这里也该结束今天的节目了, 希望 Gao Yuanxue 对我们的答案还满意。

Tracy: Yes and I'm getting quite hungry with all this talk of food. Are you ready for some Chinese dumplings Feifei?

Feifei: No, we agreed to disagree. I'm going to have fish and chips and you are going to have Chinese dumplings.

Tracy: Okay.

Feifei: 如果你也有英语学习方面的任何问题, 都可以发邮件到 questions.chinaelt@bbc.co.uk. 下一期节目可能就来回答你的问题。

Tracy: And don't forget to visit our website www.bbcchina.com.cn. Bye for now.

Feifei: 感谢收听, 下次再会。