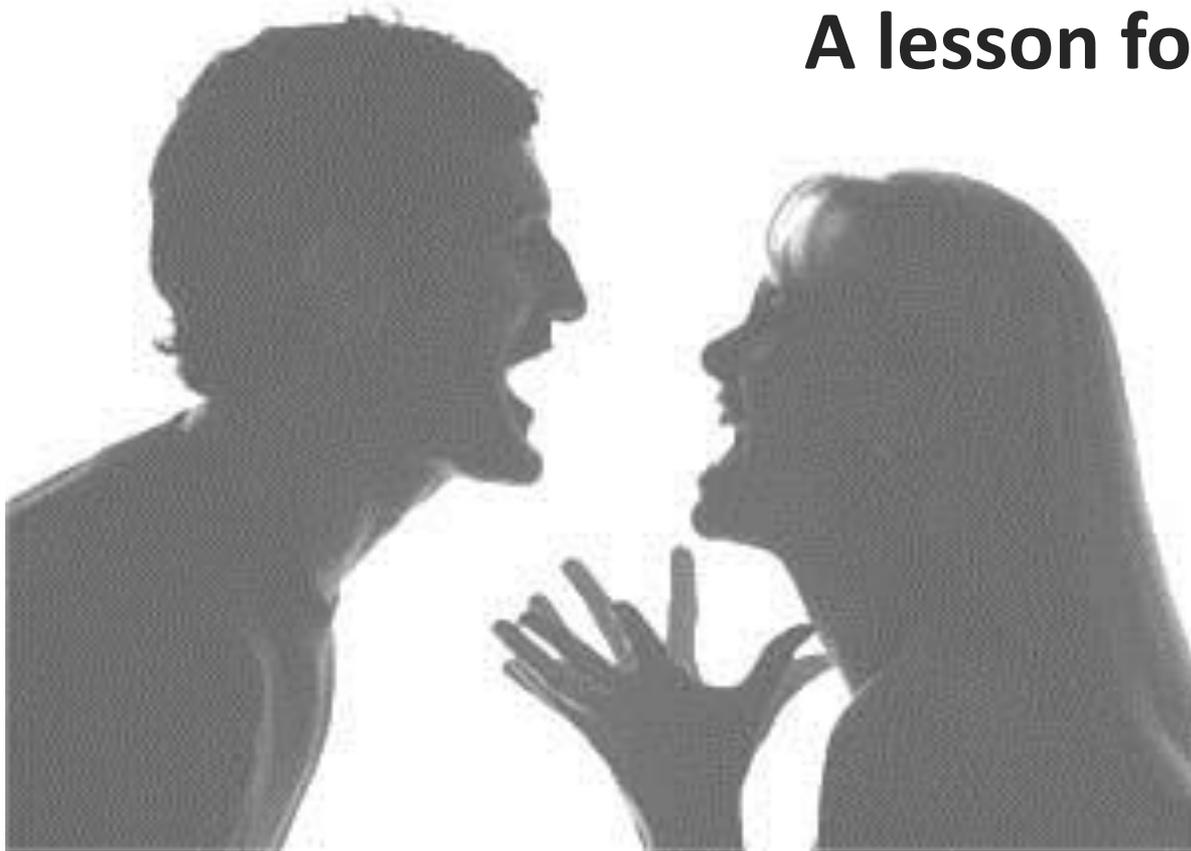


Argument

A lesson for Profitbricks



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What language can you think of for the following situations

Asking for opinions	Agreeing
Giving opinions	Disagreeing
Politely interrupting	Expressing doubts

The next slide gives some examples. How many did you get?

Asking for opinions

What are your views on... ?
What's your opinion about/of... ?
What do you think about...?
How do you feel about...?
Do you reckon...?
What are your feelings on...?
Do you have any particular views on...?

Agreeing

Yes, definitely.
I agree (completely).
I'd go along with that.
Yes, you have a point there.
On the whole, I agree.
Exactly!
I couldn't agree more!

Giving opinions

I'm (quite) sure that...
In my opinion, ...
I think...
As far as I'm concerned...
Don't you think it would be good to...?
In my experience, ...
For me, ...
From my point of view...

Disagreeing

Yes, but on the other hand...
I can't accept that.
I'm afraid I disagree (completely).
Sorry, but I don't agree.
I couldn't possibly agree to/with that.
I'm afraid that's not quite how I see it.
Well, that's as may be, but...
I take your point, but...

Politely interrupting

If I could just interrupt for a moment...
Sorry to interrupt, but...
If I could just come in here, ...
(raise hand and eyebrows, look at the speaker)

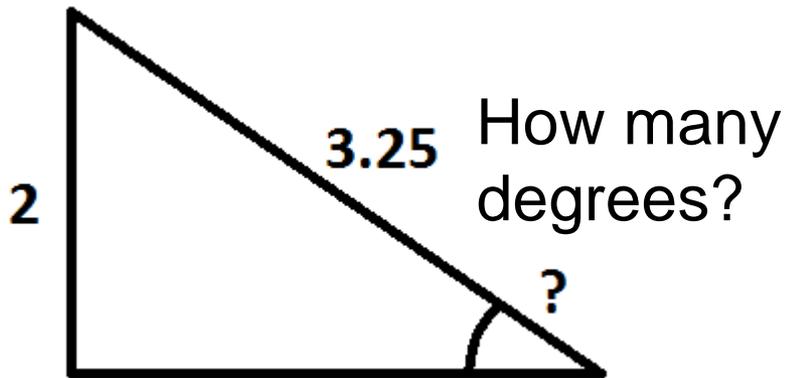
Expressing doubts

I agree up to a point, but...
Maybe, but...
Well, my understanding is that...
I'm not so sure about that.
I don't know whether I'd entirely agree.

What are the pictures and what's the story?



Brussel Sprout



Follow this link to check your answers

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh3lmaJ6Ap0>

Proposal:

All chemical pesticides should be banned

First make a list of the pros and cons

Do you agree or disagree? On a scale of 1-10?

Form two teams, for and against the proposal.
Think of arguments to support your case.

Debate the merits of the proposal. Who has the strongest arguments?