

Vocabulary and listening

Ways of speaking

- 1 There are many verbs that describe ways of speaking. Match the verbs to their categories.

accuse	admit	advise	approve	argue
beg	chat	command	complain	compliment
criticize	deny	discuss	gossip	grumble
insist	praise	protest	quarrel	recommend
scream	suggest	whisper	yell	

good idea	disagreeing
social	volume
a court of law	disliking
liking	asking and ordering


- 2 Write in a verb from 1. Sometimes more than one is possible.

- _____ sweet words of love in your ear.
- _____ at the sight of a huge spider in the bath.
- _____ that you made a mistake.
- _____ about the awful weather.
- _____ sometimes even with your best friend.
- _____ to a mate in the pub about football.
- _____ the latest James Bond film.
- _____ about the love lives of celebrities.

Verbs + prepositions

- 3 Put the correct preposition (or no preposition) in the gaps.

- My dad doesn't approve _____ the tattoos on my arms.
- She yelled _____ her kids _____ misbehaving in the supermarket.
- He was accused _____ lying _____ where he had been.
- I agree _____ you _____ most things, but not politics.
- I discuss _____ everything _____ my wife.
- He insisted _____ paying for the drinks.
- The students were protesting _____ the war.
- He complimented _____ his wife _____ her new hairstyle.

- 4  12.8 Listen to four conversations. What are the people talking about? Describe the way they are talking.

They're arguing about ... She's criticizing ... He protests that ...
She's accusing him of ... He denies ... He insists on ...



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