



Everyday English Giving opinions

- 1  4.12 Read and listen to the conversation between **three** people. What's it about? Which **two** people agree with each other?




- A** So, what do you think of the latest Bond movie? It's really great, isn't it?
B Definitely! I think it's absolutely fantastic!
C Mmm. D'you think so? I'm not so sure. It wasn't as good as the last one.
B Oh yes, it was. I thought it was much more exciting.
C It was OK, but it wasn't that good. My favourite will always be *Skyfall*.
A Why? Because Daniel Craig was Bond?
C No, of course not, but he does make a pretty good Bond, doesn't he?
B Pretty good? He's absolutely brilliant.
A Yeah, he's a cool guy. Do you two have a favourite Bond?
C Me, no, not really. They're all so different.
B For me it's Sean Connery – surely he's the best? He's the original. I've got the whole box set of all the Bond movies and he was definitely the best.
A I totally agree. He's the definitive James Bond. I love his Scottish accent.
C Well, I do too, but you're only saying he's the best because he was the first. Who d'you think the next Bond will be?
A I've no idea.
B Maybe they'll have a female Bond one day – Jemima Bond!!
C Now, that's something I could be really enthusiastic about! Dum-di-dum dum ... !! Jemima Bond saves the world!



- 2  4.12 Listen again to the conversation. Answer the questions.
- A** and **B** agree with each other. They express strong opinions. Find examples of the words they use.
 - C** is not so sure and is less enthusiastic. What are her actual words?


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- 1  4.13 Listen and repeat the sentences. The intonation on the question tags goes down. Why?
 'It's great, isn't it?' 'He does make a pretty good Bond, doesn't he?'
- 2 We can use an adverb to qualify an adjective or a verb. Which two are the strongest?
 really great absolutely fantastic pretty good really like just love
 totally agree


- 3 Work with a partner. Complete these question tags.

- We had a great time in New York, didn't we?
- But the weather wasn't that good, _____?
- New Yorkers lead very busy lives, _____?
- Our friends took us to a fabulous show on Broadway, _____?
- We'd never been to a musical before, _____?
- I lost my passport. I'm such an idiot, _____?



-  4.14 Listen and check. What is the reply? Practise with your partner.

- 4 Make these opinions stronger. Use a wide voice range to sound enthusiastic.
- He was pretty good in the role.
Pretty good? He was absolutely wonderful!
 - The talk was quite interesting.
really fascinating
 - The bride looked quite nice.
absolutely fabulous
 - I quite liked that chocolate dessert.
really loved
 - He quite likes Maria. *totally adore*
 - The book wasn't very good. *really awful*
 - I don't like noisy bars. *just can't stand*

-  4.15 Listen, check, and repeat.

What's your opinion?

- 5 Write some notes on *two* of these topics.
- the last film you saw
 - something in today's news
 - the weather
 - a sporting event
- 6 Work with a partner. Use your notes to ask for and give your opinions.

Have you seen/heard/read ... ?

No, I haven't. What did you think of it?

It was brilliant! Really amazing!

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