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### Asking for advice

### Giving advice

### Agreeing and disagreeing

## Explanations

A function is language we use for a purpose. What we say depends on the:

- **place:** private or public?
- **person:** same age? friend? stranger?, etc.
- **topic:** everyday (borrowing a pen) or more important (borrowing money)?

*What do you think I should do?*

*What would you do?*

*I think you should (go to the doctor's).*

*If I were you, I'd (go to the doctor's).*

*Why don't you (go to the doctor's)?*

*What about (going to the doctor's)?*

*How about (going to the doctor's)?*

### Agreeing

*I agree.*

*That's*

*right.*

*I like this film. So do I.*

*I don't like this film. Neither do I.*

### Disagreeing

*I don't agree. I don't think so.*

### Apologizing

*I'm sorry. Sorry, it was my fault. I'm very sorry.*

### Replying to apologies

*Never mind. That's all right. Don't worry.*

- We say *Excuse me* when we want to pass someone who is in the way. The usual reply is *Sorry*.
- We say *Excuse me* at the beginning of questions to strangers.