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Class: _____ Date: _____

Disagreeing Politely

An activity of "How to disagree".

Learning how to disagree politely lets us express our views without offending the other person. This can help to protect our relationships with the people we care about. Read "How to disagree" (page 25, *What's Up* April 2026) for tips on how to disagree kindly and politely.

Below are dialogues between various pairs of people. By using the tips in the *What's Up* article, rewrite the second person's response using more gracious words.

1. **Sibling A:** Our family should go skiing in Japan for our December holiday this year.

Sibling B: No way! We followed your suggestion last year. Why should you get to decide again? This year, we must go to Barcelona to see the La Sagrada Família!

2. **Classmate A:** I'm going to convince Miss Lim to use our Art periods to do crocheting.

Classmate B: Crocheting is such a waste of time! Do you think learning crocheting will improve your grades? We should just stick to completing the Art syllabus.

3. **Friend A:** I love the latest World Cup Argentina kit! It's such a cool design and it's only S\$115. That's cheap!

Friend B: \$115 for a mere jersey? Do you think everyone is so rich like you?

4. **Teacher to the whole class:** Since some of you often forget to bring your copy of *What's Up* for group work, I will keep all your copies in the classroom from now on. You can bring yours home when the next issue arrives.

Student: That's not fair! You are punishing the whole class just because of a few forgetful ones. We have the right to bring home our copies.

5. **Athlete A:** I love skiing and I'm very good at it. I know I can be like Singapore's first alpine skier Faiz Basha and represent Singapore in the Winter Olympics!

Athlete B: Dream on! Skiing? There is no snow in Singapore. Where are you going to train? Just be realistic and stick to swimming.
