



## 159. Disagreement

W: I don't care what the critics say in the newspapers, I still think that in this country we've got the best television in the world. What do you say?

Sarah: Oh, I don't agree with you there. That's not my opinion at all. After all there is always room for improvement. The service we get here isn't perfect by any means.

W: Well of course I'm not saying that the system is perfect. But surely you must admit that the News service, for instance, is pretty good compared to what you get in some other countries.

Sarah: I'm not altogether convinced of that. It's true that it's quite good, and that some countries don't even have a proper News service, but that doesn't mean that ours is the best. And in any case, what about the programmes? There are too many reality shows and trivial quiz games for my taste. Not to mention the advertisements.

W: oh, that's not fair! They need the advertising revenue to make the programmes in the first place. And they've got to have popular programmes so that people will watch. As far as I'm concerned, I still think that some of the cultural programmes they do are really good.

### GLOSSARY:

Disagreement: le désaccord	The best: le meilleur
I don't care: je me moque	The programmes : les programmes
To say/said/said : dire	A reality show : une télé réalité
To admit : admettre, reconnaître	Trivial quiz games : jeux télévisés
Compared to : comparé à	The advertisements : la publicité
To be convinced : être convaincu	Advertising revenue: les revenus de la publicité
To mean/meant/meant: signifier, vouloir dire	Popular programmes: des programmes populaires
To mention: mentionner	Cultural programmes: émissions culturelles
To need: avoir besoin, nécessiter	Perfect: parfait
To watch: regarder	By any means: en aucune manière
The critics: les critiques	For instance: par exemple
The newspapers: les journaux	Pretty good: plutôt bon/nne
A country: un pays	Altogether: complètement, absolument
The best television: la meilleure television	It's true: c'est vrai
In the world: du monde	Even: même
An opinion: un avis	In any case: de toute façon
Improvement: le progress	For my taste: à mon gout
The system: le système	Fair: juste / unfair, not fair: injuste
The News service: le service d'informations télévisées	In the first place : pour commencer, d'abord
A country: un pays	So that: de manière à
A proper News service: un service d'informations télévisées convenable	As far as I'm concerned : en ce qui me concerne

  

To disapprove (of + ing) : désapprouver	A clash: un conflit, opposition, combat
To argue: discuter, raisonner	A debate: un débat, une discussion (courtoise)
To object (to + ing): faire des objections	A divergence: une divergence (de vues)