

Agree with, agree to ★★★★★

(And a note on *accept*)

1 **Agree with** + noun: *I agree with your suggestion* (= "I like it")

= **have the same opinion**



Eliot: *I want to see "Star Wars".*

Sam: *I want to see "Avatar".*

Harvey: *I agree with Sam; let's see "Avatar".*

I agree = I agree with you

2 **Agree to** + noun: *We agreed to the conditions* (= we accept them. Like them??)

+ verb (base form): *They agreed to leave.*

= **consent** (but not necessarily have the same opinion)



If you want to rent the flat, you must agree to our terms

3 Note on **accept**

We mostly use *accept* + noun:

She accepted the present

I'll gratefully accept your help on this.

We cannot use *accept* + infinitive: ~~*She accepted to go.*~~

For more ways of agreeing, see GBs 96 & 97.

Quick check

Complete each sentence with *with* or *to*:

- 1 Will you agree _____ stay here for a month?
- 2 I agree _____ his argument that we need to protect the NHS.
- 3 Before the surgeons proceed, you must sign that you agree _____ the operation.
- 4 The manager thinks we should wait and I agree _____ him.
- 5 I agree _____ the Honourable Gentleman that rising interest rates present problems
- 6 He agreed _____ the terms, though he found them onerous.
- 7 They agreed wholeheartedly _____ all my ideas.
- 8 "Did you accept the proposal?" "Well, I agreed _____ it, though I had several objections."
- 9 He agreed _____ the conditions of sale, although he did not like them.
- 10 "What is your opinion in this case?" "I agree _____ the chairman."