

# Devil's Advocate: Teaching Students How to Disagree Politely

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## **APPENDIX A: Phrases for Disagreeing Politely**

Actually, I think . . .

That is a good point, but . . .

I disagree. I think . . .

You've made a point, but don't you think that . . . ?

I'm sorry, but I don't agree with you.

I'm afraid I disagree.

I beg to differ.

I'm not so sure about that.

Well, in my opinion . . .

I don't see it that way.

## **APPENDIX B: Devil's Advocate Statements**

1. Using marijuana for medical reasons is appropriate.
2. Telemarketing should be illegal.
3. Schools should teach only subject matter that the student is likely to make use of in the future.
4. English should be the world language.
5. Animals should not be kept in zoos.
6. Children should be encouraged to become independent as young as possible.
7. Children need a certain amount of corporal punishment, such as spanking.
8. Being wealthy is more important than being happy.
9. Economic development is more important than environmental protection.
10. Global warming is a serious problem that needs to be stopped.