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4. Sorry, go ahead. OR Sorry, you were saying... [I]	18. (strong) I totally disagree. [D]
5. That's not always true. [D]	19. You're absolutely right. [A]
6. That's not always the case. [D]	20. You have a point there. [A]
7. I have to side with Dad on this one. [A]	21. Not necessarily. [D]
8. No doubt about it. [A]	22. (slang) Tell me about it! [A]
9. (strong) No way. [D]	23. (weak) I suppose so./I guess so. [A]
10. Sorry to interrupt, but... [I]	24. I'm afraid I disagree. [D]
11. Absolutely. [A]	25. Can I throw my two cents in? [I]
12. You didn't let me finish. [I]	26. I was just going to say that. [A]
13. Exactly. [A]	27. I'm afraid I agree with James. [A]
14. If I might add something... [I]	28. (agree with negative statement) Me neither. [A]
	29. I couldn't agree with you more. [A]
	30. I beg to differ. [D]

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