



INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION
SEMESTER 3

DO YOU WIN EVERY ARGUMENT?

LESSON 013



TABLE TOPIC



I love having friendly debates, but I'm always worried about offending people. What can I do about that?

Now, create one table topic of your own. Think of something creative, fun, and thought-provoking.



VOCABULARY



foolproof: used to describe an extremely easy process

Making cereal is foolproof, but my sister messed it up!

vigorously: in a way that requires a lot of energy

Hal works vigorously in his garden. He's really proud of all the tomatoes he can grow after all of his hard work.

deliberately: on purpose

Steve deliberately ruined his wife's home-cooked meal because he wanted to go out to a cheeseburger restaurant.

grasp (an idea): to understand

Algebra is a difficult concept to grasp.



IDIOMS



_____ is not exactly rocket science: it's not the most difficult thing in the world and maybe easy

Writing an essay is difficult, but it's not exactly rocket science.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



What type of disagreements do you typically have?
With whom?

What tips or tricks do you have for winning an argument?

Do you argue logically, or do you rely on emotions?

In the middle of a disagreement, if you suddenly realize you're wrong, would you admit it? Or continue arguing just to win?

