

Functions 1

Asking for advice

What do you think I should do?

What would you do?

Giving advice

I think you should (go to the doctor's).

If I were you, I'd (go to the doctor's).

Why don't you (go to the doctor's)?

What about (going to the doctor's)?

How about (going to the doctor's)?

Agreeing

I think the film was too long. Yes, I agree.

The music was the best part. Yes, you're right.

To say we feel the same we can use *so* + the auxiliary verb in the first statement.

A: *I am tired.* B: **So am I.** (= I am tired too.)

A: *I have seen this film!* B: **So have I!** (= I have seen this film too.)

If the first statement has no auxiliary, we use *do* in the answer.

A: *I like this film.* B: **So do I.** (= I like it too.)

To agree with a negative statement we use *neither* in the same way:

A: *I'm not tired.* B: **Neither am I** (= I am not tired.)

A: *I haven't seen this film.* B: **Neither have I.** (= I have not seen the film.)

A: *I don't like this film.* B: **Neither do I.**

Disagreeing

To disagree with someone's opinion we can say *I don't agree* or *I don't think so*.

A: *That was a terrible film!* B: **I don't agree. / I don't think so – I liked it.**

Apologizing

I'm sorry.

Sorry, it was my fault.

I'm very sorry.

Replying

Never mind.

That's all right.

Don't worry.

- We say *Excuse me* when we want to pass someone who is in the way. The usual reply is *Sorry*.
- We say *Excuse me* at the beginning of questions to strangers.

1 Match the pictures (a–f) with the sentences (1–6).



a)



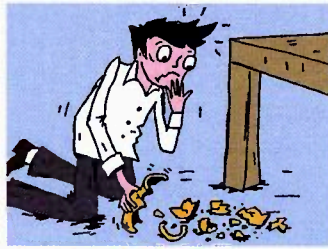
b)



c)



d)



e)



f)

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| 1 Never mind. f | 4 Sorry, I've broken this cup. |
| 2 How about trying a larger size? | 5 If I were you, I'd go to the dentist's. |
| 3 So do I. | 6 What do you think I should do? |

2 Complete the sentences. Write one word in each space.

- 1 I've lost your football.~~Sorry~~...
- 2 How about to the cinema?
- 3 'This film is good, isn't it?' 'No, I don't think
- 4 Sorry about the mess. It's my
- 5 If I you, I'd stay at home today.
- 6 'I really love this place.' 'So I.'
- 7 me, I can't get in.
- 8 What's your advice? What do you think I do?

3 Choose the best reply (a–f) for each sentence (1–6).

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| 1 What's your advice? d | a) Neither do I. |
| 2 I really enjoy going to the beach. | b) So do I. |
| 3 Who broke the window? | c) Don't worry. |
| 4 If I were you, I'd use a dictionary. | d) Why don't you talk to your teacher about it? |
| 5 I don't like doing homework! | e) I did. Sorry! |
| 6 Sorry, I've lost your book. | f) Good idea! |