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dis·cuss  (dĭ-skŭs)

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v. **dis·cussed**, **dis·cuss·ing**, **dis·cuss·es**

v.tr.

1. To speak with another or others about; talk over: *discussed the matter briefly.*

2. To examine or consider (a subject) in speech or writing: *The book discusses the challenges that journalists face today.*

v.intr.

1. To speak with another or others about something: *As we discussed yesterday, the problem could have more than one solution.*

2. To examine or consider a subject in speech or writing.

3. To come to an agreement as a result of a discussion: *As we discussed, you will clean your room before going out.*

[Middle English *discussen*, to examine, from Anglo-Norman *discusser*, from Latin *discussus*, past participle of *discutere*, to break up : *dis-*, apart; see [DIS-](#) + *quātere*, to shake; see **kwēt-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

dis·cuss a·ble, **dis·cuss i·ble** *adj.*

Synonyms: **discuss**, **argue**, **debate**, **dispute**

These verbs mean to talk with others in an effort to reach agreement, to ascertain truth, or to convince. *Discuss* involves close examination of a subject with interchange of opinions: *My therapist discussed my concerns with my parents.*

Argue emphasizes the presentation of facts and reasons in support of a position opposed by others: *The lawyer argued the plaintiff's case.*

Debate involves formal, often public argument: *The candidates debated the campaign issues.*

Dispute implies differences of opinion and usually sharp argument: *The senators disputed over increases in the proposed budget.*

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