

For or Against?

List of discussion points:

- GMO (genetically modified organism) food
- Smoking ban in restaurants and bars
- Dieting
- Abortion
- Euthanasia/mercy killing
- Alternative medicine
- Tattoos and piercing
- Plastic surgery
- Gay marriage
- Killing animals for fur
- Having many kids
- Having many pets
- School uniform
- Legalization of marijuana
- Tracking devices on phones
- Beauty contests/ children beauty contests
- Animal testing
- Esperanto/artificial languages
- Death penalty
- Globalization

Useful phrases:

Personally, I think

In my opinion,

To my mind

Another argument will be...

It's exactly what we need in modern society.

In my experience...

As far as I'm concerned...

Speaking for myself...

I'd say that...

I'd suggest that...

I'd like to point out that...

I believe that...

What I mean is...

It is thought that...

Some people say that...

It is considered...

It is generally accepted that...

To be quite honest/frank

I'm quite convinced that...

From my point of view.../From a political point of view.../From the point of view of safety...

If you ask me

Use LINKING WORDS to connect your ideas

In addition I'd like to say that...

Furthermore I think that...

Moreover the point is...

Apart from the fact that...

In addition to this accurate argument...

Besides this point of view...

I'd **also** like to say...

To support - поддерживать

To advocate – поддерживать, разделять (взгляды)

to criticize

to condemn - осуждать



Making Suggestions

- We could...?
- Why don't we...?
- How about... (going)?
- What about...(going)?
- I think we should...
- I think we could....
- It would be great if we could....(went)
- Going...would be a great idea because
- Personally I suggest **going**
- Personally I suggest we should go
- The advantage of going... is
- In my opinion it would be the best to go....
- The way I see it we should/could...
- As I see it we should/could...

Asking for opinion

- What do you think about it?
- Do you agree with me?
- Do you like/fancy this idea?
- What is your opinion?
- Your thoughts?
- How do you feel about it?
- How does this seem to you?
- What's your idea?
- What are your thoughts on all of this?

Voicing your opinion

- In my opinion....
- From my point of view....
- The way I see it....
- I think.... I don't think.....
- I believe....
- What I say is....

<p style="text-align: center;">Agree</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I can't agree more!</p> <p>Yes, definitely/absolutely!</p> <p>That's how I feel, too.</p> <p>Exactly! That's what I'm talking about.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Half agree</p> <p>I see your point, but...</p> <p>I know what you mean, but...</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Well, maybe, but...</p> <p>You are right in a way, but</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Disagree</p> <p>I'm afraid, I disagree.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I don't think you are right.</p> <p>I believe that's not exactly true.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I am not sure about that.</p> <p><i>That's not the way I see it.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Strongly disagree</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You must be joking!</p> <p>What are you talking about?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">No way!</p> <p>You can't be serious!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">That's nonsense!</p>

- I love this idea! This is a great idea!
- I agree with you 100 percent.
- I couldn't agree with you more.

- I was just going to say that.
- No, I'm not so sure about that.
- I don't think it's a good idea



Useful Vocabulary

Medicine

- “An apple a day keeps the doctor away”
- “A good rest is half the work”
- “Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise”

Dieting

- Don't dig your grave with your own knife and fork. ~English Proverb
- More die in the United States of too much food than of too little. ~John Kenneth Galbraith, *The Affluent Society*
- The cardiologist's diet: If it tastes good, spit it out. ~Author Unknown
- One should eat to live, not live to eat. ~Cicero, *Rhetoricorum LV*
- If nature had intended our skeletons to be visible it would have put them on the outside of our bodies.
~Elmer Rice
- The first thing you lose on a diet is your sense of humor. ~Author Unknown

Plastic surgery

- I'd like to grow old with my face moving. **Kate Winslet**
- Beauty lasts five minutes. Maybe longer if you have a good plastic surgeon. **Tia Carrere**
- The trouble with plastic surgery is that after 10 years gravity wins out and you have to have another one in a year or so. **Linda Evans**

Globalisation

- “It has been said that arguing against globalization is like arguing against the laws of gravity.” Kofi Annan
- “Globalization has changed us into a company that searches the world, not just to sell or to source, but to find intellectual capital - the world's best talents and greatest ideas.” Jack Welch
- “Globalization, as defined by rich people like us, is a very nice thing... you are talking about the Internet, you are talking about cell phones, you are talking about computers. This doesn't affect two-thirds of the people of the world.” Jimmy Carter
- The whole pace of business is moving faster. Globalization is forcing companies to do things in new ways.” Globalization is forcing companies to do things in new ways.” Bill Gates
- “Globalization presumes sustained economic growth. Otherwise, the process loses its economic benefits and political support.” Paul A. Samuelson