

learning strategy

listening for opinion

Before listening

- Think about what you know about the topic.
- Predict possible opinions about the topic.

While listening

- Decide if the speakers are being positive or negative about the topic.
- Listen for phrases such as **I think...**, **In my view...**, **In my opinion...** and **My feeling is...**
- Listen for pauses in speech, which might suggest that the person is thinking about their opinion before they say it.
- Listen for loud or stressed phrases that might tell you what the speaker feels strongly about, or what is important.

2 Three opinions.

You are going to listen to three ITC members talking about caffeine, smoking and medicine. First, read the questions below. Then, listen to Maha, Paul and Bob giving their opinions and circle the correct answer.

- 1 Maha says caffeine is liked by a lot of people because
 - a. **you can find it in lots of different foods and drinks.**
 - b. it is healthy.
 - c. it helps people relax.
- 2 Maha thinks that eating and drinking
 - a. **coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate is dangerous.**
 - b. too much caffeine is dangerous.
 - c. very small amounts of caffeine is dangerous.
- 3 Paul thinks teenagers smoke because
 - a. **grown ups tell them to smoke.**
 - b. their friends smoke.
 - c. they see advertisements.
- 4 Paul feels that teenagers who smoke
 - a. **only care about themselves.**
 - b. are dirty.
 - c. spend too much time smoking and not working.
- 5 Bob thinks that
 - a. **children should give themselves medicines.**
 - b. medicines always make our lives better.
 - c. medicines can be dangerous.
- 6 Bob feels that
 - a. **medicines have bad instructions.**
 - b. doctors give too much medicines.
 - c. people make medicines dangerous.