

COLLOCATIONS: OPINIONS

3 A Work in pairs and complete the phrases using words from the box.

perspective mind eye-opening
narrow-minded convincing preconceptions
stereotypes second

- 1 People tend to have various _____ about what a drug addict is.
- 2 The aim is to challenge the _____ that exist about immigrants.
- 3 I was feeling nervous and beginning to have _____ thoughts about the whole idea.
- 4 It's important to keep an open _____ before making a judgement.
- 5 His attitude is very _____ and intolerant of alternative opinions.
- 6 The experience of talking so directly was _____. I had never done anything like it before.
- 7 I saw the situation from a whole new _____ after our conversation.
- 8 I don't think he really knew his facts, so his argument wasn't very _____.

1 A Choose the correct alternatives to complete the phrases in bold.

- 1 If an opinion is one that is commonly agreed on, it is the *general/usual* opinion.
- 2 Sometimes it can be diplomatic to *keep/hold* your opinions to yourself.
- 3 If you have an idea about something which doesn't represent your company's view, it is your *individual/personal* opinion.
- 4 If someone has strong opinions and lets them be known, they might be considered *opinionated/idealistic*.
- 5 If you disagree with someone, you might have a *split/difference* of opinion.
- 6 If there are two sides to the argument, and equal numbers of people on both sides, then we can say opinion is *divided/half*.
- 7 If there is no right or wrong answer, then it is just a *matter/case* of opinion.
- 8 People have a right to make their own decisions about things. In other words, they are *entitled/open* to their own opinion.

B Complete the sentences with the correct answers from Exercise 1A.

- 1 Sandie suggested splitting the work between us, but if you want my _____ opinion, I think it's a bad idea.
- 2 I honestly couldn't stand him. I found him both _____ and arrogant.
- 3 I'm afraid I don't agree. We seem to have a _____ of opinion on this one.
- 4 We asked over a thousand people and found that opinion was _____, with nearly forty percent against the decision.
- 5 I don't see how you can say that. It's a _____ of opinion.
- 6 You can't tell him what to believe in. He's _____ to his own opinion.
- 7 I think in this instance it might be better to _____ our opinions to ourselves.
- 8 The _____ opinion seems to be that it would be a good idea to start now.