

- Read the following statement: "Cars are the greatest danger to human life today". Do you agree?
- Now, read what these people think about cars and match their viewpoints with their reasons.

1 As I see it, cities would be less polluted if cars were banned.

2 In my view, cars are by no means as life-threatening as wars or violent acts of crime.

3 I think that cars give us more personal freedom.

4 In my opinion, cars are responsible for thousands of deaths every year.

a It is people themselves who cause the greatest harm to society, not technology or machines as such. Cars are not at all dangerous if they're driven with care and attention.

b Every day we hear about fatal car accidents. Increasingly often people are killed or seriously injured on the roads.

c Exhaust fumes are one of the major causes of air pollution and as a result, our health is at risk as well as the environment.

d We can decide for ourselves where and when we want to travel without having to rely on anyone else.

- Read the following question: "Has genetic science gone too far?" What do you think?
- Now, match the viewpoints with the reasons in the boxes.

Ray

1 In my opinion, there are many good medical reasons for experimenting with genetic engineering.

2 The way I see it, genetic science is moving forward far too fast.

Steven

3 I think changing the way things happen naturally poses many risks.

4 I believe that genetic science is frightening, especially when it concerns human life.

Helen

5 It seems to me that genetic engineering is the key to solving the world's famine problems.

- A Once scientists have perfected the technique of cloning prime sheep and cows for food, there will be plenty to eat for everyone.
- B We are working against nature, which is dangerous, and we have no idea what effect it will have on the natural order of things.
- C Scientists should stop and consider whether their experiments will benefit mankind or not before it is too late.
- D Imagine if scientists find a way to create human beings in a completely artificial way.
- E It can help to trace diseases and may help to save the lives of millions of people around the world. Eventually, we may be able to eliminate all terminal illnesses.

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