

Group the phrases

Describing a picture	Speculating	Similarities	Differences

*the photo shows
in the bottom left corner
in the background*

*both photos show
you can see in both photos...
in both photos there are....*

*she/they can't be...
in the foreground it/they must be...
the 1st photo shows...*

*the common theme
in the photos is...*

the obvious difference is ...

you can see in both photos

*the first photo shows...,
whereas the second photo shows...*

*unlike the first photo,
the second photo shows...*

*in contrast to the 1st photo
the second photo...*

judging by...

in the top right corner...

*in the first photo...,
but in the second photo...*

on the left/right

Describe the photos



Look at the pictures. Describe what you see and compare them using the phrases above.

All in all, ... ☐ D

First, ... Second, ... Finally, ... ☐

First of all, we need to decide / examine / look at / ask ourselves ... ☐

I'd like to start by saying / looking at ... ☐

Just to summarise the main points ... ☐

Now I'd like to move on to ... ☐

Now let's look at / move on to (the question of) ... ☐

The main reason I feel this way is ... ☐

There are a number of reasons why I believe this. First, ... ☐

I'll begin with ... ☐

This leads to my next point. ☐

The reason I say that is ... ☐

I'll tell you why I think that. ☐

To sum up, ... In conclusion, ... ☐

Match the phrases below with categories A–D.

A Structuring your speech

B Ordering points or opinions

C Justifying your opinions

D Summing up your opinion

What should schools spend money on: music, sports or school trips?

Listen to what the teenagers think about it.

A boy thinks that schools should spend money on

because

A girl thinks that schools should spend money on

because

Listen again and complete the missing phrases.

1) _____ that I don't believe schools spend enough money on any of these things.

_____ that very few students in our school play musical instruments, and not many do sports either, except PE which is a lesson. _____, we hardly ever go on school trips, perhaps just once a year.

_____ of which of the three schools should spend the most money on. _____ I'd say that we should spend the most on music. I'll tell you why I

think that. _____, there are lots of opportunities for students to do sport outside school. In my town, for example, there's a sports centre where we can swim, go to the gym, play squash, basketball, football and so on. _____, students often go on trips and holidays with their parents. So there's no need for the school to spend money on school trips. _____, and most importantly, very few people have musical instruments themselves. So without encouragement and help from the school, most students will miss out on music.

_____, I believe that schools should spend money on all these things, but music is the most important.

2) _____, we need to ask ourselves if schools should spend money on music, sport and school trips at all. _____, they should use the money for things like books and computers. However, _____ at which of the three deserves the most money. _____, sport is the most important. _____ why I believe this. _____, many teenagers nowadays are unfit. They need to do more sport at school. _____, music isn't very important. Most people just prefer to listen to music. Very few actually want to play musical instruments. And if they do, they can teach themselves guitar at home. _____, although school trips are fun and help students to relax and make friends, sport is even better for doing these things.

_____, I take the view that schools should spend more on sport than on music or school trips.