

Match the expression to the possible use

Alex: "I think we need to address the topic of immigration more openly. **To put it bluntly**, some people believe that immigrants are a major threat to our society."

Jamie: "I get that, but **let's cut to the chase**. Many concerns about immigrants are based on misunderstandings or exaggerated fears. For instance, the idea that immigrants are taking all the jobs often doesn't reflect the economic data."

Alex: "True, but it's also important **to see the writing on the wall**. There are real challenges related to integration and social services that can't be ignored."

Jamie: "I agree there are challenges, but I **have a bone to pick with** those who claim that immigrants are solely to blame for these issues. Often, the problems are more complex and rooted in other systemic issues."

Alex: "That's a fair point. Sometimes, people really do **hit the nail on the head** when they say that the benefits of immigration, like diversity and innovation, are overshadowed by fear and misinformation."

Jamie: "Exactly. We need **to see things through someone's lens** to understand their perspective better. While concerns about migration are valid for some, it's crucial to also consider the positive impacts immigrants have on our society."

Alex: "Absolutely. And we should **take** some of the more alarmist claims **with a grain of salt**. It's essential to base our opinions on evidence and real experiences rather than sensationalized stories."

1. To complain about something that needs to be discussed
2. To get to the point
3. In a very direct way, without trying to be kind or polite.
4. Something that is exactly right
5. To view something with skepticism or doubt
6. To be aware that there is something bad or risky based on clear evidence.
7. To consider a situation from other people's perspective

Complete the mini-dialogs

- 1. Dialog 1:** Use an expression to show directness in addressing an issue.

Jordan: "There's a lot of fear about immigrants taking over jobs and resources. _____, these fears are often based on myths rather than facts."

Taylor: "I agree. It's important to focus on reliable data rather than unfounded concerns."

- 2. Dialog 2:** Use an expression to describe having an issue or disagreement with someone's claim.

Sam: "I have a _____ with people who say immigrants are overwhelming the healthcare system. They often overlook how immigrants contribute to the system and the economy."

Alex: "Exactly, the focus should be on the overall benefits and contributions."

- 3. Dialog 3:** Use an expression to indicate recognizing future consequences based on current trends.

Casey: "With the increasing anti-immigrant rhetoric and new policies being proposed, I think we can _____ that these changes might lead to increased social tension and division."

Riley: "Yes, it's crucial to address these potential issues before they escalate."

- 4. Dialog 4:** Use an expression to describe accurately identifying a key point.

Emma: "Some politicians claim that immigrants are a burden on public services. I think they _____ when they ignore the positive impacts immigrants have, such as revitalizing local economies and cultural diversity."

Liam: "Absolutely. Highlighting the benefits is essential to countering negative stereotypes."

- 5. Dialog 5:** Use an expression to describe understanding a situation from different viewpoints.

Anna: "While there's concern about immigrants affecting local job markets, we should _____ and also consider how they are filling crucial roles and contributing to the community."

Max: "Definitely. Understanding various perspectives helps in forming a more balanced view."

- 6. Dialog 6:** Use an expression to indicate skepticism

Lee: "There's a lot of sensational news about immigrants causing crime waves. It's important _____ and check the accuracy of these claims before believing them."

Chris: "Yes, many of these stories are exaggerated or taken out of context."

Clue: Use an expression to be straightforward about the impact of immigrants on the job market.

- **How would you describe the argument that immigrants are taking jobs from locals? What are the pros and cons, and can you be direct about it?**

Clue: Use an expression to address a common criticism of immigrants and discuss whether it's valid or not.

- **What criticisms do you often hear about immigrants affecting public services? Do you have any disagreements with these criticisms?**

Clue: Use an expression to predict future outcomes based on current immigration trends and policies.

- **Given the current trends in immigration policies, what future challenges or changes do you foresee in society?**

Clue: Use an expression to identify a key point about how immigrants contribute positively to society.

- **What are some key benefits that immigrants bring to a country? Can you identify a major benefit that is often overlooked?**

Clue: Use an expression to discuss how viewing immigration from different perspectives can change opinions.

- **How might viewing immigration from different cultural or economic perspectives change one's opinion about its impact?**

Clue: Use an expression to express skepticism about sensational news related to immigrants.

- **How should we approach sensational news stories about immigrants? What should we be cautious about when reading such reports?**

