

I can compare and contrast ideas and express a personal opinion.

1 Choose the correct option.

- If you ask / tell me, I think it's a bad idea.
- In my thinking / opinion, it's amazing.
- Personally, / On my own, I think rap is more interesting than rock music.
- I'm not sure / know which is best.
- This magazine is exactly the same as / so the one I usually buy.

2 Complete the sentences with the words below. There are two extra words.

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seems wrong

- As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't matter what we do.
- I could be _____, but I think he's a Biology teacher.
- Paparazzi are totally different _____ other types of photographers.
- It _____ to me that we're not looking at all the possibilities.
- On the _____ hand, it doesn't taste as good, but on the _____ hand, it's much cheaper.

3 Write the sentences from Exercises 1 and 2 in the correct column.

Comparing and contrasting ideas	Expressing an opinion
_____	<u>If you ask me,</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- A BBQ is the best idea for the party because everybody likes burgers.
- The problem, as I _____ it, is that the book was boring, so the film won't be any better.
- Do you know what? I think you're _____ and I was wrong.
- As _____ as I can see, there's no reason not to write a rap song about snakes!
- I think this film is _____ the same as the one we watched last week!

5 Complete the dialogues with phrases a-c.

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a Sort of b I bet c see how it goes

- A: _____ you could write a really good song if you tried.
B: Do you think so?
- A: Do you think we'll be hungry when we get home? Shall I buy some food?
B: I don't know. Let's just _____.
- A: Do you think this is a good magazine?
B: _____. They have some good articles, but there are a lot of adverts in it.

6 19 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. Listen and check.

Victoria: So, which song do you think should win the school talent contest, Rob?

Rob: What a difficult decision! In ¹my opinion, they're all really good.

Victoria: I know, right? On the one ² _____,

I really like Sula's song about her boyfriend who moved away, but ³ _____ the other hand, Jonny's rap about his pet snake was funny!

Rob: Exactly. It seems to ⁴ _____ that we need to decide if we go for the emotional one or the funny one.

Victoria: Well, ⁵ _____ I see it, Sula's song is totally different from Jonny's. I ⁶ _____ think Jonny's is very musical, to be honest.

Rob: I see what you mean. I'm not ⁷ _____ which is better though.

Victoria: I know. It's difficult to choose.

Rob: OK, well, if you ⁸ _____ me, I think we should choose Jonny's rap. It's funny and original.

Victoria: I think you're ⁹ _____. Shall I tell him or do you want to?

Rob: You can if you want.

