

1 8.2 Listen and repeat the phrases.

**SPEAKING**

**Comparing ideas and expressing opinions**

**Comparing ideas**

On the one hand, I liked the song, but on the other hand, it was a bit slow.

(Personally,) I think Sara's song is better/more interesting than Andrea's.

A barbecue is the best idea because the weather is nice.

It's exactly/almost the same as the first one.

A magazine is totally different from a newspaper.

**Expressing opinions**

In my opinion, pop music is brilliant/amazing/awful.

As I see it, this is the best option. I think you're right.

As far as I can see, it isn't a new idea.

As far as I'm concerned, it isn't a new idea.

It seems to me that everybody likes it.

If you ask me, we should think of something different.

I'm not sure it's the best idea.

I could be wrong, but I don't think it will be very popular.

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 If you ask / tell me, I think it's a bad idea.
- 2 In my *thinking / opinion*, it's amazing.
- 3 *Personally, / As far as I see it*, I think rap is more interesting than rock music.
- 4 I'm not *sure / know* which is best.
- 5 This magazine is exactly the same *as / to* the one I usually buy.

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

concerned far from one other see  
seems wrong

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

4 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 A buffet is the \_\_\_\_\_ idea for the party because everybody can find something they like.  
a good b best c worst
- 2 The problem, as \_\_\_\_\_ it, is that the book was boring, so the film won't be any better.  
a I see b I think c I'm concerned
- 3 If you \_\_\_\_\_ me, we should have the event on a Saturday.  
a tell b see c ask
- 4 As \_\_\_\_\_ as I can see, there's no reason not to write a rap song about snakes!  
a far b long c right
- 5 I think this film is \_\_\_\_\_ the same as the one we watched last week!  
a far b exactly c right

5 8.3 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. Listen and check.

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

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

Tia: I know, right? On the one <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I really like Lauren's song about her friend who moved away, but <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the other hand, Ollie's rap about his pet snake was funny!

Rob: Exactly. It seems to <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that we need to decide if we go for the emotional one or the funny one.

Tia: Well, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I see it, Lauren's song is totally different from Ollie's. I don't <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Ollie is very musical, to be honest.

Rob: I see what you mean. I'm not <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ which is better though.

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

Rob: OK, well, if you <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me, I think we should choose Ollie's rap. It's funny and original.

Tia: I think you're <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Shall I tell him or do you want to?

Rob: You can if you want.