

Discussion topics.

In order to express arguments in favour or against a topic, and to back up your opinion with examples and evidence, you will need to take some things into consideration.

Remember, this is an oral activity.

Use the vocabulary previously given in class.

Here, you will be given a list of topics. For each of them, prepare the following aspects and discuss with your partner.

- An introduction, which should include the general tendency of our current society
- Positive aspects or advantages. Back up with examples.
- Downsides or disadvantages. Use examples.
- Your personal opinion. Give arguments.

Useful phrases:

First of all, the most important ...

There is no doubt that...

One of the main arguments in favour of/against ..., is that...

Lots of people agree that...

Some people argue that...

On the other hand,...

I am convinced that...

In general, I believe that...

Synonyms:

Advantage: benefit, a positive aspect, pro

Disadvantage: drawback, negative aspect, con

Your notes:**Topics:**

It is said that cellphones are dangerous and they should be banned in the street.

We have created a society which is too dependent on computers

Advertising in schools will create more consumerist people

There should be one day a week declared 'Buy Nothing Day'

Animals are used for scientific research; thanks to this, we have a much better quality of life.

Pupils' holidays are too long. They should be able to work during the summer from the age of 14.

Exams are the best system to test students.