

**A** Read the following article and email to the editor. Then complete the gaps in the email using the words in the box.

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### JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ON THE RISE

By John Lawson

The National Statistical Service (NSS) reports that the number of juvenile criminals has doubled in the last four years to 75,000 offenders. Commenting on the annual report, NSS chief Tony Klymenko said the results show a need for more police and surveillance, and tougher sentences. He also said that...



**J**  
Judith  
Monroe

From: Judith Monroe

social points    root delinquency    proposals punishes    active    opportunity express    society

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ my opinion about John Lawson's article on juvenile delinquents, which I saw in yesterday's online newspaper.

I feel that Mr Klymenko's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for 'more police and surveillance, and tougher sentences' do not provide a real solution to juvenile delinquency. The way I see it, children today are victims of various (3) \_\_\_\_\_ problems. These problems include lack of parental guidance, poverty, violence in the home or at school, substance abuse and peer pressure. To my mind, these are the reasons for (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

To prevent it, we need to get to the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the problem. This involves improving the way children interact with their families and (6) \_\_\_\_\_. A community in which older members take a(n) (7) \_\_\_\_\_ interest in younger members and provide them with support and guidance is obviously better than one that merely (8) \_\_\_\_\_ them when they lose their way.

Thank you for giving me this (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to share my opinion. I look forward to reading other readers' (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of view.

Yours faithfully,

Judith Monroe

**B** Complete the gaps in the email using the linking words/phrases in the box. There are some words/phrases which you do not need to use.

in addition  
in my opinion  
because of  
as  
nevertheless  
second  
in comparison  
such as  
first and foremost  
first  
it seems to  
for example

**C** Which words or phrases in the box above are used to:

1. express opinion?
2. list points?
3. express contrast?
4. give the reason?
5. give an example?

**J**

Jack  
Grey

From: Jack Grey



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in connection with your recent series of articles on juvenile delinquency. I would like to focus on violence at schools.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_, it seems to me that there are two reasons for school violence. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is the psychological problems of young people who cannot cope with their negative emotions. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ reason is young people's indifference towards aggressive behaviour. (4) \_\_\_\_\_, a lot can be done to prevent violence. (5) \_\_\_\_\_, there should be special awareness-raising programmes for young people, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ these would inform them about the different forms of violence and teach them skills to help them cope with their feelings. (7) \_\_\_\_\_, the local government should have a special helpline for victims of violence. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the anonymity provided by the helpline, young people are more likely to reach out for help.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate being given the chance to share my views, and I look forward to hearing what other readers have to say about this issue.

Yours faithfully,

Jack Grey