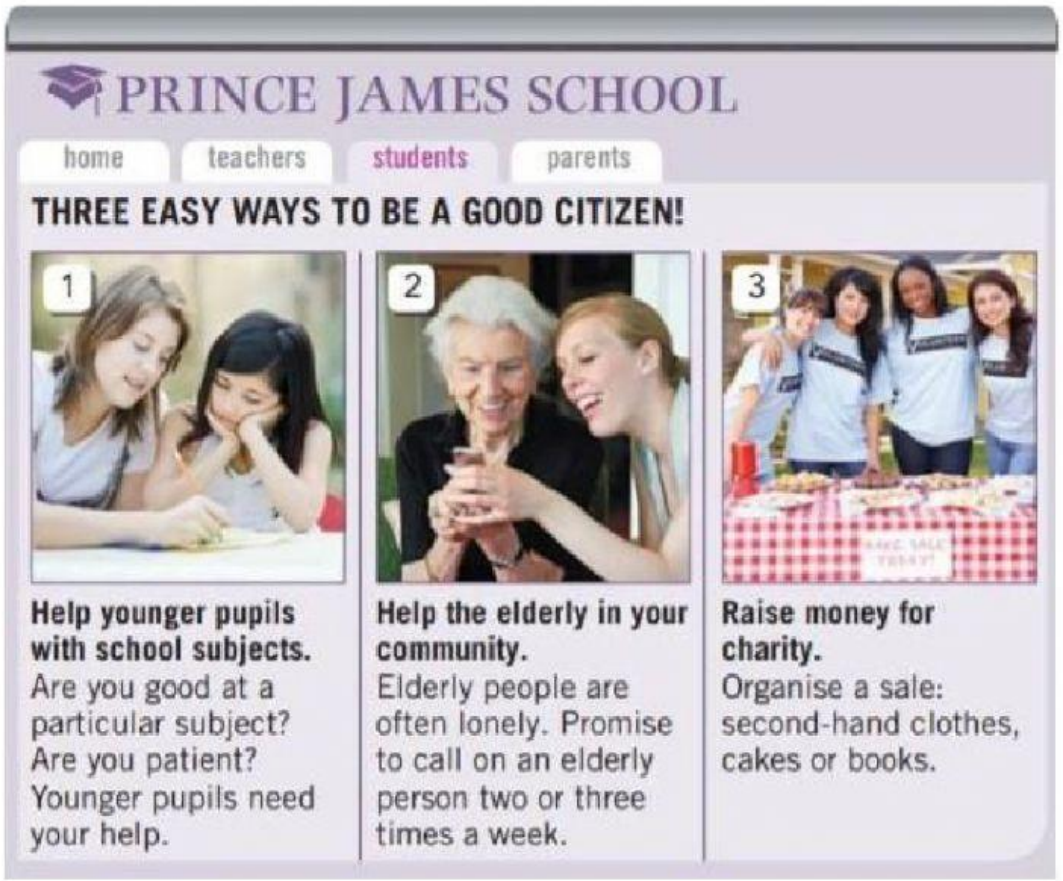
Speaking

Opinions: talking about advantages and disadvantages

I can give my opinion and identify advantages and disadvantages

Exercise 1: Read the text and listen to Robert and Sonia. What do they decide to do? Answer with the correct number



Sonia -

Robert –

Exercise 2: Complete section A of the SPEAKING FOCUS with the words in the box. Then listen again and check. After that write down in your notebooks the phrases from section B and C

good	**into**	**not**	**rather**	**thing**

Speaking Focus

A: Talking about your skills and interests

Example: (Teaching) isn't my thing at all

2: You're really at (Maths/swimming).

3: I'm (patient) enough.

4: I'd (visit an elderly person).

5: I'm really (vintage clothes).

B: Giving and explaining an opinion

In my opinion,…/What I mean is/In fact,…

To be honest, I think/don't think…

C: Talking about advantages and disadvantages

There are a lot of advantages/disadvantages…

One/Another benefit is that…

The main advantage of voluntary work is that…

There are drawbacks too.

One of the main disadvantages of voluntary work is that…

Another disadvantage of voluntary work is that…

Exercise 3: Listen to two people talking about reasons for and against doing voluntary work. Answer with true of false.

1. According to the girl, there aren't that many advantages of doing voluntary work. True False

2. One of the benefits of doing voluntary work is that you will become a better person. True False

3. The boy doesn't agree that there are a lot of advantages doing voluntary work. True False

4. Voluntary work cannot take a lot of time. True False

5. You don't earn money doing voluntary work. True False

6. The boy thinks that we should gradually learn to be independent from our parents. True False

Exercise 4: With the help of the SPEAKING FOCUS, complete the texts. Then listen again and check. Use the following words.

benefit	**drawbacks**	**advantages**	**main**	**mean**	**one**	**honest**	**another**

For

In my opinion, there are a lot of advantages to doing voluntary work…… benefit is that it makes people think about other people who are less fortunate than they are. What I…… is that if you do voluntary work, you will understand the problems that exist in society.

Another …… of doing voluntary work is that you become a better person – less selfish and more generous.

Against

First of all, I agree there are a lot of advantages to doing voluntary work, but I think there are……. too. One of the……disadvantages of voluntary work is that it can take up a lot of time. What I mean is, voluntary work could stop you helping your own family or friends, or take time away from your studies…… disadvantage of voluntary work is that you don't earn money, so you are still dependent on your parents for everything. To be……, I think we should learn to be independent from our parents as soon as possible.