

IV SPEAKING

Experiencing peer pressure

- 1 Order the examples of peer pressure below from 1 (most powerful) to 6 (least powerful).



A. _____
Peer pressure to get good grades at school



B. _____
Peer pressure to be good at sports



C. _____
Peer pressure to be fashionable



D. _____
Peer pressure to look slim and fit



E. _____
Peer pressure to own the latest device



F. _____
Peer pressure not to obey rules

2 Work in pairs. Talk about your experiences of peer pressure. Use the following guiding questions.

- Which example of peer pressure (A–F) in **1** affects you most? Why?
- Which one affects you the least? Why?
- Which are examples of positive peer pressure?

3 Work in groups. Read the situations below and think of some possible responses. Provide reasons for each answer.

- 1.** Your friend wants to skip a test, so he/she asks you to pretend that you are his/her parent(s) and write a letter to his/her teacher asking permission to be absent from school.

Example: 'No way! I'm not lying. You should try to revise and take the test. Lies can have serious consequences and people will always find out the truth.'

- 2.** Your friend has just got the latest smartphone. He/She makes fun of your old smartphone and says that you should buy a new one.

- 3.** Your friend is getting good grades in English. He/She wants you to join his/her study group so that you can also improve your English.

- 4.** Your friend is skipping classes frequently. He/She says that every teen does it sometimes, and you should do it as well.

4 Report your answers to the whole class. Vote for the most interesting responses.