

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.

- If you ask / tell me, I think it's a bad idea.
- In my *thinking / opinion*, it's amazing.
- Personally, / As far as I see it*, I think rap is more interesting than rock music.
- I'm not *sure / know* which is best.
- 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

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

4 Choose the correct answer.

- A buffet is the _____ idea for the party because everybody can find something they like.
a good b best c worst
- 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
- If you _____ me, we should have the event on a Saturday.
a tell b see c ask
- As _____ as I can see, there's no reason not to write a rap song about snakes!
a far b long c right
- 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. Активация Windows
Перейдите до розділу "Настрой"

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 ² _____, I really like Lauren's song about her friend who moved away, but ³ _____ the other hand, Ollie's rap about his pet snake was funny!

Rob: Exactly. It seems to ⁴ _____ that we need to decide if we go for the emotional one or the funny one.

Tia: Well, ⁵ _____ I see it, Lauren's song is totally different from Ollie's. I don't ⁶ _____ Ollie is very musical, to be honest.

Rob: I see what you mean. I'm not ⁷ _____ which is better though.

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

Rob: OK, well, if you ⁸ _____ me, I think we should choose Ollie's rap. It's funny and original.

Tia: I think you're ⁹ _____. Shall I tell him or do you want to?

Rob: You can if you want.