

Listen . Tick the phrases below that the student uses for justifying his opinion.

- 1 The reason I believe that is because ...
- 2 The main reason is that ...
- 3 For one thing, ... / Another thing is that ...
- 4 On top of that, ...
- 5 I definitely think that the ... is better, because ...
- 6 For those reasons, I think ...

#### Speaking Strategy

When performing the task, it is important that you have useful language ready at your disposal. For example:

**Introducing opinions** In my view, ...

**Making additional points** Not only that, but ...

**Giving examples** for instance

**Introducing contrasting points** However, ...

**Gaining time** That's an interesting question.

**2.24 KEY PHRASES** Read the Speaking Strategy and listen again. Add the formulaic phrases that you hear to the correct groups below.

#### Introducing opinions

To my mind, ...

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#### Making additional points

Not only that, but ...

In addition to that, ...

#### Giving examples

2

#### Introducing contrasting points

3

However, ...

4

#### Gaining time

That's an interesting question.

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Match 1–5 with a–e to make phrases to express a tentative opinion.

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| 1 I don't have any strong ___ | a that. Let me think / see. |
| 2 I'm not sure about ___      | b argued that ...           |
| 3 It could be ___             | c opinion about ...         |
| 4 There might be a case ___   | d suppose that ...          |
| 5 Thinking about it, I ___    | e for arguing that ...      |

Complete the sentences with money idioms formed from the word in brackets.

- 1 They'll be \_\_\_\_\_ until they finish paying for their new house. (hard)
- 2 Despite the country's supposed wealth, many of the citizens live \_\_\_\_\_. (hand)
- 3 What must it feel like to never have to work and live in \_\_\_\_\_? (lap)
- 4 I forgot my phone charger so I had to pay \_\_\_\_\_ for a new one at the airport. (nose)
- 5 My sister's a single parent, so she finds it hard to \_\_\_\_\_. (ends)
- 6 My bank notifies me if I am \_\_\_\_\_ so that I can make a deposit before I get charged. (red)