

opinion

1 Verb + opinion

Use the correct form of these verbs:

influence respect form give

1. Could you read this essay and me your opinion on it before I hand it in to my tutor?
2. I always value our teacher's opinion. He's a man whose opinion I
3. What do you think of this new government?
> It's too early to say. I haven't really an opinion yet.
4. There can be no doubt that television and newspapers do public opinion.
express ask revise share
5. The fact that he passed the exam has made me my original opinion of him. He's obviously more intelligent than I thought he was.
6. Would anyone like to an opinion on this matter?
7. I know what you think, but do the other members of the team your opinion?
8. If you my opinion, there's a danger I'll disagree with you – so it's better not to ask!

2 Noun + of + opinion

Match the two halves of these situations:

1. Their marriage is almost at an end. Over the years
2. Zidane is the greatest footballer the world has ever seen.
3. The government needs to find out what the
4. Most people are fed up with the congestion and pollution that traffic brings.
5. Over the last twenty years there has been a distinct
 - a. A substantial body of opinion supports the idea of banning all cars from the city centre.
 - b. That's a matter of opinion. I think Pele was a better player.
 - c. shift in opinion on the issue of abortion. More and more people seem to approve of it these days.
 - d. irreconcilable differences of opinion have developed between them. They can't seem to agree on anything.
 - e. current climate of opinion is before it makes any changes to the tax on fuel. It's important that they know what people generally think.

3 Adjective + opinion

Use the following adjectives in the sentences:

honest popular second strong

1. Many people have very opinions on capital punishment. My father, for example, thinks that all murderers should be executed.
2. The article accurately reflects opinion. It's what the majority of people think.
3. I'm grateful for his advice, but I really need to get a opinion before I make a final decision. I don't want to do something that I might regret.
4. OK, if you want my opinion, I think the dress looks awful. It just doesn't suit you.
considered high personal expert
5. I have a very opinion of Mark's abilities as an actor, but a very low opinion of him as a father. He hardly saw his children as they grew up.
6. Prime Minister, we have discussed the present crisis in depth and it is our opinion that for the good of the country you should resign.
7. opinion is divided on the issue of how to treat this condition. Some doctors would operate; others favour drugs.
8. My opinion doesn't really matter here. We need to decide for the good of everyone.

Notes

1. If someone thinks too highly of themselves, we say:
He's got too high an opinion of himself.
2. Note these expressions:
The general opinion is that the new traffic scheme is a good thing.
The doctor was of the opinion that an operation was not necessary.
Everybody is entitled to their own opinion!
Opinion is deeply divided on this issue. I can see little hope of reaching any sort of agreement.
3. Note this very common expression:
In my opinion, interest rates are going to go up.
4. Newspapers often carry out 'opinion polls' to find out the opinions of lots of people on the popularity of political parties.