

Getting Ready

Match the topics on the left with the opinions on the right.

1 smoking	a They are a great way for people to develop pride in their countries.
2 television	b They are wonderful companions. I think everyone should have one.
3 household pets	c It's not good for your health or the health of people around you.
4 the Olympic Games	d It can be entertaining and informative, but it can also waste a lot of time.

Listening 1

People are expressing opinions. What topic are they talking about? Listen and mark the correct answer.

- 1 a the Olympic Games
b air travel
- 2 a video games
b cell phones
- 3 a TV commercials
b rock music

- 4 a space exploration
b medical research
- 5 a winter sports
b bungee jumping
- 6 a tourism
b pets

Listening 2

Task 1

People are giving opinions about these topics. Are they for or against them? Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

	For	Against
1 space exploration		
2 TV commercials		
3 Olympic Games		
4 tourism		
5 action movies		

Task 2

Listen again. What reason does each person give? Mark the correct answer.

- 1 a It's too expensive.
 b It's how we learn about the universe.
 c It isn't important.
- 2 a They're too short.
 b They interrupt her favorite programs.
 c They're boring.
- 3 a They encourage an interest in sports.
 b They cost too much.
 c Her country always wins.
- 4 a It creates pollution.
 b It's fun to meet visitors.
 c It brings jobs and money to the city.
- 5 a They're too violent.
 b They're too boring.
 c They're too loud.
- 6 a They take too much gas.
 b There isn't enough parking.
 c They cost too much.

Listening 3

Task 1

People are giving their opinions. Do they agree or disagree? Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

Agree	Disagree
1	
2	
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Task 2

Listen again. Are these statements true or false? Check (✓) the correct answer.

- 1 He thinks second language skills can help people get good jobs.
- 2 She thinks lawyers work hard.
- 3 He thinks most TV shows are for older people.
- 4 He had to wait an hour for the bus.

5 She likes to try things on before she buys them.

6 The rain is good for her garden.

Conversation Corner: A place in your town

Task 1

Listen to the conversation. Write the missing words.

A: What about the new mall?

B: I don't know. I haven't shopped there yet. Have you?

A: Yeah, I have. I went last weekend. I liked it a lot. It has a ton of stores, lots of great restaurants, and a

B: Oh, I'll have to check it out soon. It sounds so much better than the old mall.

A: It is. The old mall is,, and too ...L.....

B: I agree.