

Giving opinions

Look at the Speaking unit exercise Practise Giving Opinions in Study Skills Success. Use the notes below to prepare your answers for the first five questions. Then make your own notes for the next five.



1. **Why do you think more and more people are overweight?**
 - lifestyles have changed - *in what way?* - *work/leisure?*
 - loss of traditional diet - *fast food advertising* - *time factor*
 - social pressures - *dieting counter-productive?* - *'modern' food desirable?*
 - your ideas -

2. **Do you think scientists are justified in doing experiments on animals?**
 - cruelty - *any justification?* - *would we do human experiments?*
 - medical vs cosmetic? - *any moral difference?*
 - medical benefits? - *can we sacrifice human lives to save animals?*
 - your ideas -

3. **What do you think is the worst invention of the twentieth century?**
 - social/military? - *how many people does this invention affect? And who?*
 - personal? - *an invention you personally detest?*
 - why? - *effects on society/sections of society/you?*
 - your ideas -

4. **Do you think that the communications revolution has left people without any privacy?**
 - define communication revolution - *mobile phones?* - *CCTV?* - *...?*
 - effects and how to control them?
 - any benefits to loss of privacy? - *safety?* - *people less lonely?*
 - your ideas?

5. **Do you think it's better to go to a single sex school or a mixed school?**
 - academic results? - *which is better?* - *why?*
 - social consequences? - *artificial environment* - *awkwardness with opposite sex?*
 - your preference? - *why?*
 - your ideas -

6. **Do you think public libraries seem a rather old fashioned idea now?**
 - your ideas -

7. **Do you think that a superpower like the US can ever really get it's way in the world?**
 - your ideas -

8. **Is war ever a good answer to international problems?**
 - your ideas -

9. **Do you think immigration is a good thing or a bad thing?**
 - your ideas -

10. **Dozens of languages are dying out every year. Is it worth trying to save them?**
 - your ideas -

