

SOLUTIONS UPPER-INTERMEDIATE 5
UNIT 9: CONSUMERISM

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Speaking


Photo comparison

I can compare photos.

- 1  2.24 Read the task below. Then listen to a student doing the task. Which option does he choose and why?

Compare the photos. Say which of these places is more suitable for a birthday treat for a friend.



2  2.24 Listen again. 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.

- 3  **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

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Introducing contrasting points

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However, ...

4

Gaining time

That's an interesting question.

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

1 I don't have any strong ___

2 I'm not sure about ___

3 It could be ___

4 There might be a case ___

5 Thinking about it, I ___


a that. Let me think / see.

b argued that ...

c opinion about ...

d suppose that ...

e for arguing that ...

- 5  2.25 Listen to another student answering the examiner's follow-up question. Which of the phrases in exercise 4 does she use?

Compare the photos. Which place would you choose for a day out with a penfriend who is visiting the UK from another country?



- 6** Read the task above. Spend about a minute preparing your answer.

Your preferred option

Reasons

Which place would you prefer to live in?

- 7** Read the follow-up question above and write notes. Try not to spend long on preparing your answer.

- 8** Now do the task using your notes from exercises 6 and 7.





**A TYPE OF CRIME THAT IS NOT
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WITH SOME OTHER CRIMES.**



PETTY CRIME: A TYPE OF CRIME THAT IS NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS WHEN COMPARED WITH SOME OTHER CRIMES.



1 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you shop in shopping centres? Why? / Why not?
- 2 Are there any problems with petty crime in your area?

A newspaper recently published an article about an increase in crime in the local shopping centre, suggesting that young people hanging out there are mostly to blame. Write a letter to the editor where you express your opinion of the article, and suggest ways in which people / shops could prevent petty crime.

- 2** Read the task above. How would you answer the question? Make notes on your ideas.

3 Read the letter and answer the questions.

- 1 How many paragraphs are there in the letter?
- 2 What is the topic of each paragraph?
- 3 How do the writer's ideas differ from yours in exercise 2?



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to the article about rising crime in our local shopping centre. It stated that there was an increase in theft, shoplifting and vandalism and claimed it was because of teenagers spending a lot of time there.

I'd like to say that I strongly disagree with the assumption that it is teenagers who are at fault here. I feel that it is always young people who are blamed without there being any actual evidence. It is true our local council's spending has been reduced. Therefore there have been cuts in youth activities, and teenagers do meet up more at the shopping centre. However, this does not mean that they are criminals. To my mind, there could be other reasons why petty crime has increased. It is undeniable that the country's economic situation has worsened and this must surely be a factor in the rise in crime.

I would like to suggest some ways of improving the situation. Firstly, the shopping centre should invest in more security cameras, which would help identify the actual criminals. Secondly, why aren't there more security guards in the shopping centre? If there were, it would really deter shoplifters from stealing things. Finally, if the council would prefer young people not to meet in the centre, they should find some money for alternative venues for them. Then teenagers can no longer be held responsible for petty crime.

I believe that the measures I am putting forward would go some way towards reducing crime in our shopping centre.

Yours faithfully,

Sophie Bennett

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Writing Strategy

Use synonyms and paraphrases to avoid repeating the same words too often, for example: *very angry* = *furious*.

4 Read the **Writing Strategy**. Match the highlighted words in the text with pairs of words below that have a similar meaning.

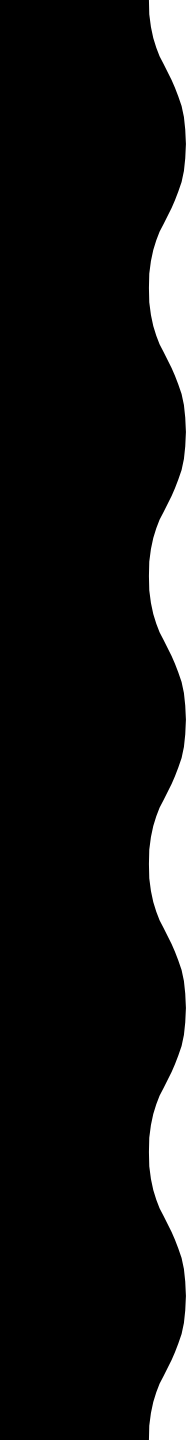

1 submit / put forward _____

2 cut / slashed _____

3 made clear / claimed _____

4 growth / rise _____

5 certain / undeniable _____

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- 5 In the letter, find words from exercise 4 that the writer uses in order to avoid repeating each of the highlighted words.

- 6 SPEAKING** Read and discuss the task below in pairs. Make notes on each element of the task.

A newspaper recently published an article about an increase in petty crime levels in cities, blaming a general obsession with consumerism. Write a letter to the editor where you express your opinion about this, suggesting ways to decrease the levels of petty crime.

7 Use your notes in exercise 6 to write your letter to the newspaper.

CHECK YOUR WORK



Have you ...

- covered both elements of the task in your letter?
- started and finished your letter correctly?
- used synonyms to avoid repetition where possible?
- checked the spelling and grammar?

**ASSIGNMENT:
WORK BOOK 9H
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WRITING TASK(PAMPHLET)**

DEADLINE: SATURDAY