

1. Some people believe that competition helps children to be better prepared for their future, while others say that competition can be harmful for children and should be limited to adults. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
2. People continue to commit crimes even after being punished for it. Why do you think this happens? How can crime be stopped?
3. Many people spend a lot of time using communication technology. What are the reasons for this? What is the impact on the relationships with their families and other people?
4. Many people believe that university students should pay tuition fees in full themselves, because they gain education for their own benefit and not for the society. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
5. Some people have great ambitions in life, others don't. Do you think ambition is important to succeed in life? Is it a positive or a negative quality to have?
6. Some believe advertisement is useful and informative. Others think it is false and only helps to raise prices. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
7. Advertising industry has a huge influence on the society. Do you think positive effects of advertising outweigh negative effects?

8. Nowadays many parents are sending their kids abroad to acquire good education. Discuss the advantages and the disadvantages of this trend. Give your own opinion.
9. Some say that young people are not suitable for decision-making positions in governments; others, however, disagree. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
10. Some people believe that cell phones should be for personal use only; others, however, feel cell phones should be used mostly for work. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
11. Nowadays children have too much freedom, some people say. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your own opinion and examples.
12. Nowadays companies and other organizations are requiring their employees to wear a uniform. Think about jobs where uniform is important. What are the advantages and disadvantages of wearing a uniform?
13. Nowadays movies and computer games containing violence are very popular. Some people believe that they have negative effect on the society and should be banned, others, however, believe that it is harmless entertainment. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

14. Some people give more importance to artists (painter, writers, musicians) in the current age of rapidly developing technology and science. What do you think? Do people prefer arts to technology in your view?
15. Some people think that certain things taught in school are a waste of time, but others don't agree with this statement. Discuss both points of view and give your own opinion based on your personal experience.
16. Nowadays more people choose to move out from the area where they grew up, in a search for a better job. Do you think there are more advantages than disadvantages to this development? Why?
17. In the near future it is expected that the proportion of older people will be higher than that of young people in many developed countries. What are the positive or negative effects of this development?
18. In some countries young people at the age of eighteen are considered adults and can drive a car, vote and get married, while other countries don't allow it. What age do you think is the best to be considered an adult? Give reasons and examples from your own knowledge and experience.
19. Nowadays people tend to change a few careers during their life. What are the reasons for this, in your opinion? Do you think it is good for the society as a whole?

20. Schools don't give proper health education to young people. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your own opinion and examples based on your experience.

21. Some cultures value elderly people more, while other cultures value the youth more. Discuss both approaches and give your own opinion.

22. Nowadays cultures of different countries are becoming more similar than they used to be. What are the reasons? Is it a positive or a negative development? Give your own opinion and examples.

23. Nowadays many young people have negative attitude towards learning after they left school. What is the cause and what are the steps that can be taken to bring positive attitude towards learning again?

24. The famous American actor John Wayne once said "Tomorrow is the most important thing in our life." However, some people think that the present time is more important. How important is it for individuals and the country to think and do something for the future? What is your own opinion?

25. Many people believe that the world's most urgent problems can only be solved by international collaboration. Do you agree or disagree?

- 26.Children can learn effectively from watching television, which is why it should be encouraged at school and at home. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?
- 27.Some people are becoming more interested in family history research. Others, however, argue that one should focus more on the present and future generations. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
- 28.Some people say language courses using the internet and allowing you to talk to somebody is a good way to learn. Others, however, believe that study in classrooms is still the best way of learning. Give your opinion on these views and include your own experiences and examples.
- 29.Modern technology allows machines to perform the hard work instead of humans. Does this have a positive or a negative effect on people? Give your own opinion and examples.
- 30.Some say that due to heavy traffic governments need to build more roads in metropolitan cities, while others argue this isn't the right solution. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give your reasons and examples.