

6.6 Speaking

Ethical issues

I can express tentative opinions and add comments using adverbials.

- 1 Which of these ways of highlighting ethical issues is the most effective and why? Discuss in pairs.

handing out leaflets posts on social media
the involvement of public figures
protest marches petitions

- 2 Look at the posters. Which one do you think would be most effective in an anti-fur campaign? Why?

- 3 **CD•2.44 MP3•97** Listen to three extracts from an interview with an anti-fur campaigner. For each extract, choose the question the campaigner is answering.

- 1 a Do awareness-raising campaigns and protests really make a difference and if so, how?
b How important is it to stop the fur trade?
- 2 a Why do you think fur is still popular with fashion designers and wealthy consumers?
b What are the advantages of getting public figures involved in anti-fur protests?
- 3 a Apart from avoiding fur products, what else can members of the public do to help?
b If you could send any message to people who wear fur, what would it be?

- 4 **CD•2.44 MP3•97** Complete the **SPEAKING FOCUS** with the words in the box. Then listen again and check.

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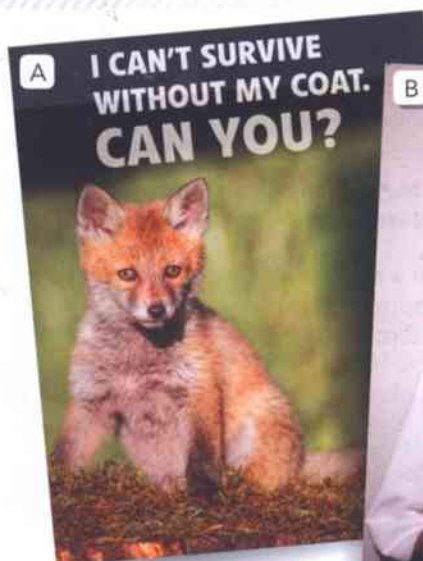
SPEAKING FOCUS

Beginning your answer

- I ¹ _____ believe / I'm not convinced they do because ... ☐
- One ² _____ /clear advantage/disadvantage is that ... ☐
- I think I'd ³ _____ /explain that/how ... ☐
- It's absolutely vital/quite important, I think, because ... ☐
- As well as (avoiding fur products), other (things that can help) include ... ☐
- I think the main/one/a significant reason is that ... ☐

Expressing tentative opinions

- It could be ⁴ _____ that ...
- I don't feel ⁵ _____ strongly about ...
- I don't have a strong opinion about ...
- I suppose you could say that ...



- 5 Match the questions in Exercise 3 with appropriate ways to begin answers to them in the **SPEAKING FOCUS**.

- 6 Read the extracts from the interview and complete **REMEMBER THIS** with the words in orange.

- 1 **Sadly**, fur seems to be fashionable again these days ...
- 2 **Obviously**, protesting is a good way to promote awareness ...
- 3 **Frankly**, I find some of the pictures extremely difficult to look at.

REMEMBER THIS

You can use comment adverbials to add your opinion to statements you make.

- You use **clearly**/¹ _____ to introduce something that can easily be noticed or understood.
- You use **to be honest**/² _____ to show that you are saying what you really think about something.
- You use **regrettably**/³ _____ to show you wish something was not true.

- 7 In pairs, follow the instructions.

- Decide who is A and who is B.
- Read the questions below and make notes on how you will answer them.
- Use the **SPEAKING FOCUS** and **REMEMBER THIS** to help you.
- Ask and answer the questions.

Student A: Ask Student B the questions below.

- 1 How important is it to stop the practice of testing cosmetics on animals?
- 2 If you could send any message to the governments of countries that still test cosmetics on animals, what would it be?

Student B: Ask Student A the questions below.

- 1 Why do you think hunting animals for sport is still popular with certain groups and individuals?
- 2 How important is it to stop the practice of hunting animals for sport?