

2.6

SPEAKING

Giving supporting examples

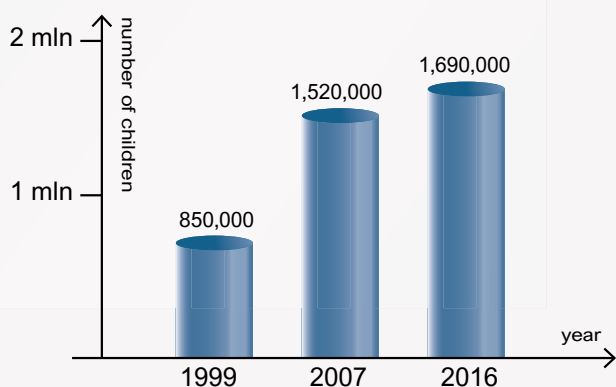
I can develop an argument with supporting examples.

1 SPEAKING Read US TODAY and discuss the questions.

- 1 Why is homeschooling in the USA on the increase?
- 2 Are many children homeschooled in Poland?
- 3 What do you think might be the pros and cons of homeschooling?

US TODAY

Homeschooling - parents or tutors teaching children at home rather than sending them to school



Homeschooling in the USA

2 1.24 Listen to a podcast about homeschooling and answer the questions in your notebook.

- 1 What advantages and disadvantages does it mention?
- 2 Whose arguments do you agree with more, the teacher's or the homeschooler's? Why?

3 1.24 In pairs, discuss how to match arguments 1–4 from the podcast with their supporting examples a–g. Then listen again and check.

- 1 Homeschoolers have more time to socialise.
? ?
 - 2 Homeschooling allows children to explore topics in more detail.
? ? ?
 - 3 Not everyone can afford the luxury of homeschooling.
?
 - 4 Schools offer things that homeschooling can't.
?
- a **Take** a family where both parents are working.
b **A case in point** is the question of socialisation.
c **In my case**, I spend a lot of time with other homeschooled kids doing projects together at each other's houses.
d **Look at** my cousin, Rob. He's at school from eight thirty till four.
e **One of the most notable examples** I can think of was when I was twelve. I wanted to build my own computer.
f Just finding out stuff, **for instance**, getting the right parts and the best prices.
g I think **it's a prime example of** the kind of thing you have time to do when you're homeschooled.

4 In your notebook, write one phrase in orange from Exercise 3 for each gap in the SPEAKING FOCUS.

SPEAKING FOCUS

Phrases with example:

A typical/classic/obvious example is ...

The most striking/extreme/graphic example that comes to mind is ...

1 One of the most notable examples is ...

2 ?

Alternative words for example:

A useful illustration is ...

3 ?

4 ?

5 ?

Imperative verbs:

Consider ...

Think about ...

6 ?

7 ?

5 In your notebook, give an example supporting points 1–4 using the words in capitals. Then complete points 5 and 6 with your own ideas and add supporting examples as well.

- 1 Many kids have to get up too early in the morning.

INSTANCE

- 2 A lot of schools don't offer enough time for sport.

CASE

- 3 I spend much of my free time doing homework. **TAKE**

- 4 Some of my friends spend a lot of time at evening classes. **LOOK**

- 5 ? of the advantages of homeschooling that comes to my mind is ? . **STRIKING**

- 6 ? of the advantages of formal schooling is ? .

ILLUSTRATION

6 SPEAKING Discuss the questions in pairs. Think of an example to support your opinion. Use the SPEAKING FOCUS to help you.

- 1 Do you think homeschooling can work for everyone? Why?/Why not?
- 2 Some people believe that formal education restricts creativity. Do you agree? Why?/Why not?
- 3 In what way does formal education prepare students for modern life?
- 4 If you could change one thing about education in Poland, what would it be? Why?

