

6.6

SPEAKING

Discussing advantages and disadvantages

I can compare and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of possible approaches and solutions to an issue or a problem.

art studio

cinema

climbing wall

updated computer lab

auditorium



- SPEAKING** Look at the list of facilities above and discuss which would be the most/least useful for your school.
- 3.1** Listen to students discussing what facilities their college should invest in. Answer the questions in your notebook.
 - What arguments were used for each of the facilities?
 - What were the disadvantages of each option?
 - Did the students reach a unanimous decision?
- 3.1** Read the SPEAKING FOCUS. Then listen again and, in your notebook, make a list of the phrases from the SPEAKING FOCUS you hear.

SPEAKING FOCUS

Presenting advantages

One of the main pluses/benefits/advantages of ...

That could be an argument in favour/support of ...

There are points in favour of ...

... is a real plus.

... is a strong selling point.

Presenting disadvantages

I see (that) as a drawback of ...

A major downside of ...

One difficulty I see with that idea ...

There's a strong argument against that idea, namely ...

... a bit of a negative aspect ...

Reaching a decision

Taking everybody's needs into account, ...

Bearing everything in mind, ...

Weighing up the pros and cons, ...

On balance, ...

If you consider all the negative and positive aspects, ...

All things considered, ...

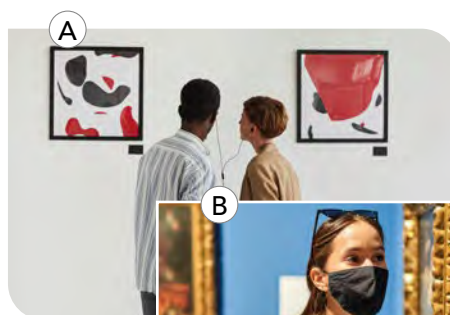
- In your notebook, rewrite the sentences replacing the underlined words with phrases from the SPEAKING FOCUS.

- One of the reasons for living in the city is that you can experience as much culture as you like.
One of the benefits of living in the city is that you can experience as much culture as you like.
- If you think about the good points and bad points, I think that the town should invest in a new arts complex.
- Something I reckon is a disadvantage is that the cultural centre is so far away.
- A real problem of living in the country is that there are often not many cultural activities.
- Something positive about the new concert hall is that live music is popular right now.
- Taken as a whole, I think the new art gallery is the best way forward.

- SPEAKING** Do the exam task.

Popatrz na zdjęcia A, B i C. Nauczyciel poprosił cię o wskazanie sposobu odkrywania sztuki, który jest najatrakcyjniejszy dla nastolatków. Rozważasz trzy opcje.

- Wybierz tę opcję, która twoim zdaniem będzie najbardziej odpowiednia, i uzasadnij swój wybór.
- Wyjaśnij, dlaczego odrzucasz pozostałe propozycje.



- SPEAKING** In pairs, answer the questions.

- What are the advantages of learning to paint at an early age?
- What can schools do to make sure their students experience different kinds of art?
- Some people think that arts subjects are less important in the school curriculum than science subjects. Do you agree?
- Should governments subsidise the arts?