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| acceptable (adj) | defence (n) | objective (adj) |
| approval (n) | evaluate (v) | opponent (n) |
| assessment (n) | excuse (n/v) | oppose (v) |
| conflict (n) | furthermore (adv) | opposed (adj) |
| consideration (n) | illustrate (v) | opposition (n) |
| consistent (adj) | insist (v) | remark (n/v) |
| contribute (v) | judgement (n) | settle (v) |
| critic (n) | maintain (v) | subjective (adj) |
| criticism (n) | moral (adj) | sympathy (n) |
| debate (n) | nevertheless (adv) | |

Consideration
Consideration is often used in the phrase **take something into consideration**.

A Complete the answers to the questions using words from the box.

approve assessment critics evaluate excuse opponents opposed sympathy

- 1 Have you heard that Eddie's crashed his new car? ~ I don't feel much _____ for him – he drives too fast.
- 2 What do you think about using animals in experiments? ~ I'm completely _____ to it. I think it's wrong.
- 3 What do Freya's parents think of her new friends? ~ They don't _____ of them at all.
- 4 Why don't you want to see that film? ~ The _____ have said it's awful!
- 5 Did you go to Sandra's party last night? ~ I didn't feel like it, so I made an _____ so I didn't have to go.
- 6 What are the effects of the drug on patients' behaviour? ~ They don't know yet. It's impossible to _____ at this point.
- 7 Does the party leader support the new policy? ~ No, he's one of the leading _____.
- 8 Do you agree with what the teacher said? ~ Yes, I think she made a fair _____ of the situation.



B Replace the underlined phrases with words and phrases from the box.

approval conflict between critic criticism debate its opponents maintains
 oppose opposed to opposition to

- 1 Many residents disagree strongly with the plans for the new road. _____
- 2 The suspect keeps saying that he found the money on the pavement. _____
- 3 Women often have to cope with the different demands of their career and their family. _____
- 4 Personally, I'm in favour of banning cars from the town centre, but there's a lot of disagreement over the idea. _____
- 5 The reviewer wrote a very favourable article about the play. _____
- 6 The government attracted a lot of negative comments for the way it handled the situation. _____
- 7 Some teachers approve of the exam system, while others are against it. _____
- 8 There's been a lot of discussion about the pros and cons of social media recently. _____
- 9 Rob's worried that his plan to become an actor won't get his father's agreement. _____
- 10 Supporters of the proposal are meeting with people against it to discuss their opinions. _____

C Complete the conversation. Use one word from the vocabulary list on the previous page for each space. Sometimes more than one answer is possible, but you should not use the same word twice.

Richie I'm tired.

Stella Me, too. It must have something to do with our body clocks.

Richie What do you mean?

Stella Apparently, there's a ¹_____ between teenagers' body clocks and the time we start school.

Richie Really?

Stella Yes. Some psychologists ²_____ that our body clocks run later as a teenager than they do as an adult. It explains why we don't want to get up in the morning.

Richie It's nice that someone feels ³_____ for us, but it sounds like an ⁴_____ to me.

Stella On the contrary. People are taking this very seriously. There's been a lot of ⁵_____ of school starting times as a result of studies these psychologists have done.

Richie What kind of studies?

Stella They've been ⁶_____ the performance of students in schools with different starting times. Their findings suggest that teenagers who start school later perform better.

Richie That's interesting. What do people in education say about this ⁷_____ of the situation?

Stella Actually, there's a big ⁸_____ about whether schools should start later.

Richie Is there much ⁹_____ to the idea?

Stella Well, some head teachers ¹⁰_____ it because it would make the organization of the school much more complicated. But a lot of teachers ¹¹_____ of the idea, because they think starting later would benefit students.

Richie Well, it's definitely got my ¹²_____ – I think it's a great idea!

D Match the words from the box to the definitions.

acceptable contribute defence illustrate judgement
moral objective remark settle subjective

- 1 To explain or make something clear by using examples, pictures or diagrams: _____
- 2 Something that is said or written in order to support something: _____
- 3 That can be allowed: _____
- 4 Based on your own tastes and opinions instead of on facts: _____
- 5 To speak during a meeting or conversation, especially to give your opinion: _____
- 6 Something that you say: _____
- 7 Concerned with what is right or wrong: _____
- 8 An opinion you form after carefully considering the information you have: _____
- 9 Not influenced by your own personal opinions, considering only facts: _____
- 10 To put an end to an argument or a disagreement: _____

E Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- 1 In the end, they had to *contribute* / *settle* the argument in court.
- 2 Plastic bags are a waste of natural resources. *Furthermore* / *Nevertheless*, they are often not recycled.
- 3 If anyone criticizes me, my friend Emily always comes to my *defence* / *judgement*.
- 4 What he said in court wasn't *acceptable* / *consistent* with what he told the police.
- 5 Sushila *contributed* / *illustrated* a useful point to our discussion on vegetarianism.
- 6 I said I'd get a taxi, but they *insisted* / *remarked* on driving me home.
- 7 The company will take candidates' previous experience into *consideration* / *remark* when allocating jobs.
- 8 I think my dad's a great man, but I realize my opinion is rather *objective* / *subjective*.
- 9 Chloe has to work long hours. *Furthermore* / *Nevertheless*, her job is very rewarding.
- 10 These figures *illustrate* / *insist* the point I'm trying to make.

F Complete the text. Use one word from the vocabulary list on the first page for each space. Use the correct form of the words.

Bullying often consists of cruel ¹_____ or aggressive behaviour. Under no circumstances is bullying ²_____. ³_____, it is still a problem in some schools. Schools have a ⁴_____ obligation to protect all the students who study there. To prevent bullying, head teachers need to ⁵_____ on a zero-tolerance policy. ⁶_____, all of the staff should be fully informed of what to do if they detect bullying. Teachers should be ⁷_____ in dealing with bullies: they should take into ⁸_____ everything they are told and what help both the bully and the victim might need. It may be hard to make a ⁹_____ about a situation, but measures must be taken to stop the bullying. The school should be ¹⁰_____ in the way it is dealt with, so that both teachers and students are aware of the procedure.