

GUN CONTROL - Opinion, agreement, disagreement

PRO or ANTI GUN?	1- Match: Find the sentences on the right which continue the sentences on the left. 2- Write « Pro » or « Anti » for each idea in the 1st column. Adapted from: http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/magazine/magazine_home_disarmament.html			
	A gun is only a tool. It doesn't kill by itself.	●	●	The technology is available, but gun makers and gun owners don't want to use it.
	If guns prevent crime then why doesn't the USA have the lowest crime rate in the world? Guns don't protect you.	●	●	They use them to hunt or for sport. They store their guns carefully and know how to use them. They aren't a danger to anyone else.
	Most people who have guns are responsible law abiding citizens.	●	●	Statistics show that you are more likely to be shot if you have a gun in the house. And the person who gets shot is more likely to be the householder than the intruder.
	There are too many gun laws already which make life difficult for law-abiding gun owners.	●	●	People kill, not guns. Are you going to ban knives next?
	Why not use the new generation of 'smart' guns that can only be used by the owner, through, for example, fingerprint recognition?	●	●	We need more severe penalties for criminals who use guns, not restrictions on normal people.

3- Make sentences as in the examples below using the Pro and anti Gun ideas (ex. 1 and 2)

Try to vary vocabulary, using the « opinion worksheet » or visit [this page \(bilingual: English-French\)](#)

Exple: « Many people consider..... I strongly disagree. To me, »

Exple: « Many (most/many/some/a few /few) people (men/women/ adults/ teenagers/ employers/ etc.) think that..... I don't agree. My view is that..... »

4- Choose other subjects (see list of topics below) and make 6 sentences as in ex. 3

You can also be precise about places, about specific periods of time, as in the examples below:

Exple 1- Topic: Men of quality respect women's equality

Some men consider women as their object, and don't respect them as human beings. They think they are superior. I don't approve of such an attitude. I believe women are equal to men.

Exple 2- Topic: Mobile Phones

Today, most teenagers throughout the world think they can't live without a mobile phone. I'm one of them. To me, mobile phones are fun and useful.

Exple 3- Topic: immigration/integration.

In the mid-twentieth century, most immigrants to the USA believed they could find a better life. But many American people never considered them as fellow citizens. According to them, they were mere cheap labour force working in sweatshops and living in dull tenements.

Here are some topics you can choose from:

teenagers and fashion/ teenagers and the internet (chatting) / teachers vs students / parents vs children / money/ downloading music / fast food / sports (soccer, The Olympic Games, business, etc) / discrimination at work (color, age, sex, etc) / global warming (causes, solutions, consequences)/ education (school, home)/etc.