

## WRITING Expressing an Opinion

To express your opinion in writing, follow these steps:

1. Write questions about the topic and answer them. This will help you clarify your thoughts.
2. Add reasons, examples or explanations to your answers.
3. Use expressions for stating your point of view to add clarity and emphasis to your writing.

**A** Your favorite radio station wants to know how to improve its programs. Read the questions and write the answers in your notebook.

1. When do you listen to music on the radio? Why?
2. What kind of music do you expect to hear at different times of the day?
3. Do you think Israeli music stations should play songs in English? Why or why not?
4. Should there be different stations for different genres of music?
5. How much talking should there be on the station? What should it be about?

**B** Choose one of your answers in exercise A. Write two more sentences giving an example or an explanation to make your opinion clear.

*I listen to the radio when I study. It helps me focus on my homework by cutting out all the other noise. I can study anywhere, as long as I am listening to music on my favorite station. Even the ads don't bother me.*

**C** Match the phrases used to express opinions in A to their logical endings in B. Write the sentences in your notebook.

A

1. I think it's unfair that ...
2. I can't believe you've stopped ...
3. Whatever happened to the ...
4. Personally, I miss the days ...
5. I believe it's time to show ...
6. Recently, I've only heard ...
7. I would really appreciate it if you would ...

B

- a. "oldies" from the 80s?
- b. when you used to play music with a message.
- c. you never play classical music on your station.
- d. men singing on your music station.
- e. greater respect for all genres of music.
- f. interviewing popular musicians on your show.
- g. play more Hebrew and Arabic music on your station.

**D** Add one of these expressions to the answer you wrote in exercise B.

**WRITE IT!**

**Write your opinion about "good radio".**

We often hear different opinions about what kinds of music different radio stations should be playing or, more importantly, not playing. Write a post on a website stating your opinion.

1. Express your opinion using your answers to exercise A above.
2. Add examples, reasons or explanations.
3. Use the expressions from the list to make your opinion clear.

### STATING YOUR POINT OF VIEW

I think it's unfair  
 I can't believe  
 I would really appreciate it if you would  
 Whatever happened to ... ?  
 I honestly feel that  
 I really miss  
 I'm convinced it's time to  
 I can't comprehend why  
 Personally,  
 For some time,

