

Talk About It

In groups, discuss the pros and cons of the following:

1. Authorities have proposed increasing taxes on 4x4s in order to make them more expensive and discourage people from driving them.
2. City planners have proposed having two car-free days every week. On these days, private cars will not be allowed to enter the city.
3. Starting next month, the city will begin to inspect residents' garbage cans. It will stop collecting garbage from any residents found to have recyclable materials (glass, metal, plastic and paper) in their garbage.

Do It

1 Choose one of the topics above and write a composition expressing your opinion.

- Begin with a catchy opening that introduces the issue.
- State your opinion on the issue.
- Give at least two main arguments to support your opinion.
- Provide reasons, facts and / or examples to support each argument.
- Conclude by restating your opinion and possibly making a suggestion.

Read the checklist before you begin.

Checklist

1. *My composition is clear and well organized.*
2. *I began with a catchy opening.*
3. *I gave at least two main arguments.*
4. *I supported my arguments with reasons, facts and / or examples.*
5. *I ended by restating my opinion and making a suggestion (optional).*
6. *I used connectors to help the reader follow my ideas.*
7. *I used phrases for expressing my opinion.*
8. *I used rich vocabulary.*
9. *I used conditional sentences.*
10. *I checked my grammar, spelling and punctuation.*
11. *I got feedback from a classmate.*
12. *I revised and corrected my work.*
13. *My composition is neat and esthetic.*

2 Check your work and make corrections. Then exchange compositions with a classmate and suggest ways to improve each other's work.

3 Make any necessary corrections and write the final version of your composition.