

Expressing opinions

- 19** There are many phrases that indicate we are expressing an opinion, the most simple of which is probably *I think* ... Think of at least four more phrases.

Here are four more ways of giving your opinion.

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| a If you ask me, ... | c I would argue that ... |
| b In my view, ... | d I would say ... |

Now express your opinion using phrases a–d above to complete sentences 1–4. Explain your opinions.

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| 1 ... the most interesting sport is ... | 3 ... the most difficult sport is ... |
| 2 ... the best sport for keeping fit is ... | 4 ... the most dangerous sport is ... |

- 20** There are a number of useful phrases you can use when you want to give your views on controversial topics. Try creating sentences using some of these.

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| a I (strongly) believe that ... | e I'm convinced that would work because ... |
| b As far as I'm concerned, ... | f I'm not convinced that would work because ... |
| c I'm (strongly) against ... | g I'm sceptical of the idea that ... |
| d I'm (strongly) in favour of ... | h I must admit, I think ... |

- 21** Read the proposed government schemes 1–5 and respond to them using phrases a–h above.

Your government wants to:

- 1** tax people who are unfit to help pay for their health care
- 2** make all children do at least one hour of sport a day
- 3** tax smokers because they have more health problems than non-smokers
- 4** run a campaign informing people what comprises a balanced diet
- 5** raise the minimum age for alcohol consumption by five years.

Exam tip: Try and use a wide range of phrases for giving your opinion; this will help improve your mark.