

2 The Pros and Cons of GMOs

What are the arguments for and against GMOs in the US and Canada?

1 Building your opinion ? 📄

You will study five documents (A → E) and build your opinion on GMOs.

A. Compare and discuss this set of documents. Turn to **Worksheet n°52** for help.

B. What issues do they address?

C. Are they impartial? Justify your answer.

D. What means do they use to convey their message?

A

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM

A GMO is a plant or animal whose structure has been changed scientifically.

CAN GMOs HELP PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT?



What are some of the benefits for the environment?

- 1** GMOs allow farmers
 - to preserve the land while doing more with fewer resources.
 - to increase crops yields on existing farmlands.
 Crops are drought-tolerant.
Less deforestation.
- 2** By 2050, the population will rise by 30%.
 - GMOs will provide the food, fuel and fiber we need with few resources.
- 3** Nutritionally enhanced food crops can improve global health
 - GMO crops help address nutrition deficiency and food security around the world, e.g. "Golden rice" in Africa.

B SWITCHING CAMPS MP3 n°103



- A. Listen to Mark Lynas and say what you have learnt about his background and opinions.
- B. Pick out the elements that made him change his mind.
- C. Fill in the following sentence using what Lynas says in his interview:

He says that when he was..., the reason for his opinion was mostly..., whereas now that he is... the reason for his opinion is..."

D. How has this change been received by his former friends?