

Considering Other Points of View

- In an argument most people see only *their* point of view.
- They don't want to hear the other person say why he or she believes something else.
- A good critical thinker is more tolerant and is prepared to at least listen to **the other point of view**.
- Fights and even wars start because people don't want to listen to the other point of view.
- If they did, they might hear some new facts and they might understand the feelings of other people.

Example

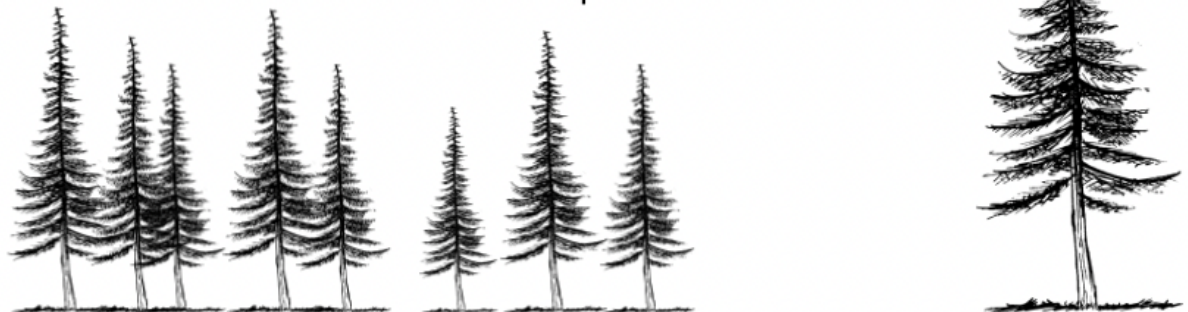
People in some poor countries of the world are cutting down large numbers of their forests. Write down **two** reasons to support or agree with their removal of forests. Write down **two** reasons to disagree with their actions.

Points for:

1. It brings in millions of dollars to the country to help the education and health of citizens.
2. It helps employ thousands of people in the forest industry.

Points against:

1. It causes erosion of the soil which can be washed away with rains.
2. It means more carbon dioxide gas in the atmosphere because trees feed on it. This in turn means the temperature of the air increases.



Student worksheets

1. Some people think that farmers should not spray insecticides onto their crops. Farmers think they should.

Write in **two** reasons why farmers shouldn't and **two** reasons why farmers should spray insecticides on their crops.

Why they shouldn't:

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Why they should:

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2. Some people think that it is wrong for some countries to kill whales. The people who kill the whales believe they should be allowed to kill them.

Write in **two** reasons why people shouldn't kill whales and **two** reasons why people from some countries should be able to kill whales.

Why shouldn't kill whales:

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Why should kill whales:

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Useful questions to ask MYSELF when considering OTHER POINTS OF VIEW

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