

# 1.4 Speaking and writing

## Speaking asking for and giving opinions

1a 1.5 ))) Listen to five people talking about the internet. Are their opinions positive (P) or negative (N)?

1 P 2 \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_

b 1.5 ))) Complete the sentences with one word. Then listen again and check.

- How do you feel about the internet?
- Well, \_\_\_\_\_ people say that the internet ...
- ... but \_\_\_\_\_, I think that it's an essential ...
- It's a terrible thing, if you ask \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't you \_\_\_\_\_ they're just wasting their lives?
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ that everybody's gone mad ...
- I \_\_\_\_\_ think that life is much better ...
- ... but as \_\_\_\_\_ as I'm concerned, it's got ...

2 Correct the mistakes in sentences 1–5.

- <sup>As</sup> So far as I'm concerned, the government should invest more in preventing crime than fighting it.
- I think definitely that TV programmes are getting worse.
- How do you think about carbon taxes?
- According my wife, football should be banned!
- I'm really feel that higher education should be free.

3 1.6 ))) Complete the conversation between Marion (M) and her husband (H), daughter (D) and son (S). Then listen and check.

- M So, 1 how do you feel 2 \_\_\_\_\_ moving from Sydney to a smaller city?
- H It's a great idea, if 3 \_\_\_\_\_ ask 4 \_\_\_\_\_. This is the most expensive city in Australia, according 5 \_\_\_\_\_ this article I've just read in the paper. Houses are the most expensive in the country, and we hardly ever eat out because it costs so much.
- D That's true, but I really 6 \_\_\_\_\_ think we should move. All my friends live round here.
- M You'll make new friends.
- D Yes, but it isn't the same ... What about school? Don't you 7 \_\_\_\_\_ that schools in Sydney are better?
- H I don't think that's true, actually. I 8 \_\_\_\_\_ sure there are good schools outside Sydney, too.
- S It's OK, as 9 \_\_\_\_\_ as I'm 10 \_\_\_\_\_ ... as long as the internet connection is good.

## PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

4a 1.7 ))) Listen and circle one stressed word per phrase.

- As far as I'm concerned ...
- Some people say that ...
- I really feel that ...
- If you ask me, ...
- How do you feel about ...?
- Don't you think ...?

b 1.8 ))) Listen to the complete sentences. Pause the listening and repeat after each sentence.

## Writing social media

5a Follow the instructions to make sentences 1–4 into texts suitable for social media.

- Cross out three unnecessary words in each sentence.
- Replace two words with letters or numbers in each sentence.
- Abbreviate one word in each sentence.

- I ~~will~~ <sup>c u</sup> see you at ~~the~~ <sup>bday</sup> birthday party.  
c u at bday party
- Sorry, but I have to be in London on Saturday.
- I am one hour late for work because of the traffic.
- I have just realized that some people are so rude and selfish!

b Now write the texts from exercise 5a next to the appropriate hashtags below.

- #havingfuntonite c u at bday party
- #crowdedbus \_\_\_\_\_
- #angrybossahead \_\_\_\_\_
- #cousinwedding \_\_\_\_\_

### I can ...

	Very well	Quite well	More practice
use noun suffixes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ask for and give opinions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>