
LESSON PACK: ESPRESSO ENGLISH ENGLISH OPINION EXPRESSIONS

Hey, English learner!

Thanks for downloading this special lesson pack. Inside, you'll find some of the new vocabulary from the lesson and a quick reference 'cheat sheet' of the new phrases from the article.

I hope you enjoy it & find it useful.

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1. English for university study, and 2. advanced English learning strategies and techniques.

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Cheers,

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VOCABULARY REFERENCE

The Advanced English Opinion Expressions on Espresso English.

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| Admire | Verb | To think highly of something. I said I admire international students. |
| take my hat off | Idiom | To show respect to someone. It's a phrase which shows you admire someone. |
| Opinion / stance | Noun | Your beliefs, attitudes and thoughts. |
| To put it simply | Phrase | To explain something so that it is easy to understand. |
| effective | Adjective | Something that works well. |
| fix | Noun/verb | Something that solves a problem/ to mend something |
| evidence | Noun | Information or facts that show something is true. |
| encourage | Verb | To support someone. To give them confidence to do it. |
| suitable | Adjective | To be correct or right for someone or something. |
| support | Verb | To agree with an idea to make it more believable. |
| straightforward | Adjective | Easy to understand. Not complicated. |
| benefit | Noun | The advantage of something. A benefit of learning English is that you can talk to more people. |
| outweigh | Verb | To be more important than something |
| drawbacks | Noun | The disadvantages of something |
| commit | Verb | To make a promise or dedicate yourself |
| distance | Noun | The amount of space between something. |
| balanced | Adjective | An opinion that considers everything. |
| Associate with | Verb | To connect to something. |
| Poorly | Adverb | To do something badly. |
| Lack of | Noun phrase | To not have something. |
| negative | Adjective | An attitude which only looks at the bad things |



THE OPINION REFERENCE SHEET

This sheet will help you to understand how to use the patterns. Read the examples and try to write your own examples on the next page.

Note: These are just examples! Personally, I think homework is a good idea!!

| Phrase | Example | Informal/Formal? |
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| In my opinion | In my opinion, homework should be banned. | Informal |
| I believe that | I believe that homework should be banned. | Informal |
| In my mind | In my mind, homework should be banned. | Informal |
| It would seem that | It would seem that homework should be banned. | Formal |
| It could be argued that | It could be argued that homework should be banned. | Formal |
| This suggests that | This research suggests that homework should be banned. | Formal |
| This proves that | This proves that homework should be banned. | Formal |
| This supports the idea that | This supports the idea that homework should be banned. | Formal |
| Although ..., | Although homework has some benefits, research suggests that homework should be banned. | Formal |
| *Adjectives, adverbs, nouns* | Homework is an <u>unproductive use of time</u> . | Both |

QUESTIONS:

What do you notice about the sentence structure of each pattern?

What do you notice about the punctuation of each pattern?

Practice the patterns with these two topics:

- Health care should be free.
- Alternatives to fossil fuels should be researched.

And that's it! Good luck with your English learning!

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