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A. Choose the respectful reply

Choose A or B. You may disagree and still be respectful.

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1. Opinion: "Students should read every day." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

2. Opinion: "Online lessons are useful." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

3. Opinion: "Group work helps learners." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

4. Opinion: "Schools should have more sport." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

5. Opinion: "Public transport needs improvement." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

6. Opinion: "Homework should be shorter." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

7. Opinion: "Libraries deserve more support." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

8. Opinion: "Learning a language takes regular practice." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

9. Opinion: "Students should learn to cook." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

10. Opinion: "Parks are important for towns." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

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B. Connect your ideas

Choose the word that fits the stated relationship.

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11. I prefer small classes ___ I can ask more questions. (reason: because / although)

12. Online learning is convenient. ___, some students need face-to-face support. (contrast: However / Therefore)

13. ___ my view, regular practice is essential. (In / On)

14. I agree ___ your point about safety. (with / to)

15. ___ I understand your concern, I support the plan. (Although / Because)

16. The bus is unreliable; ___, many passengers leave early. (result: therefore / however)

17. One advantage ___ group work is the chance to share ideas. (of / from)

18. ___ example, students can record a short speech. (For / By)

19. I am not fully convinced ___ this solution will work. (that / what)

20. To sum ___, I support the change for two reasons. (up / out)

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C. Soften a strong opinion

Rewrite with "In my view" or "I would argue that".

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21. Rewrite politely: Students should read every day.

22. Rewrite politely: Online lessons are useful.

23. Rewrite politely: Group work helps learners.

24. Rewrite politely: Schools should have more sport.

25. Rewrite politely: Public transport needs improvement.

26. Rewrite politely: Homework should be shorter.

27. Rewrite politely: Libraries deserve more support.

28. Rewrite politely: Learning a language takes regular practice.

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D. Add a supporting reason

Write an opinion and one relevant reason. Use your own ideas.

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31. Respond to this topic: Students should read every day.

32. Respond to this topic: Online lessons are useful.

33. Respond to this topic: Group work helps learners.

34. Respond to this topic: Schools should have more sport.

35. Respond to this topic: Public transport needs improvement.

36. Respond to this topic: Homework should be shorter.

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E. Acknowledge another view

Write two sentences: acknowledge a view, then give your own.

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41. Discuss: Students should read every day.

42. Discuss: Online lessons are useful.

43. Discuss: Group work helps learners.

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45. Discuss: Public transport needs improvement.

46. Discuss: Homework should be shorter.

47. Discuss: Libraries deserve more support.

48. Discuss: Learning a language takes regular practice.

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