

# Express and justify your point of view



- 1 Imagine you have to give your opinion on the following subject: *Would you rather visit a museum by yourself or have a guided tour?* Write down a few ideas on a sheet of paper.
- 2 Have a look at what a student wrote about this subject and compare with your own opinion.
- 3 Observe the structures in green and say what they express.
- 4 Focus on all the structures highlighted in the text and identify the different words and expressions used for each. Say why they are important.
- 5 Now use the notes you wrote in 1 and what you have learnt to write a short paragraph to give your own opinion on the subject.

## Personal opinion:

as for me, to my mind, I have the feeling that, what I find is that

## Introducing examples:

for example, such as

## Considering other points of view:

on the one / other hand, of course, as for, according to

**Personally**, when I visit a museum or an exhibition, **what I appreciate most** is to be on my own. **It seems to me that** art is something very personal.

**Of course**, it is sometimes interesting to listen to a guide. **I must admit** it can help you understand the artists you already know, as well as discover whole new aspects of their art and understand their symbolic value. **What's more**, it can help you discover new artists you would never have thought of.

**For instance**, I remember seeing a painting that only had shades of blue and the guide explained that the colour blue symbolised hope for the future. I might not have understood the symbolism myself.

**However**, **I can't help thinking** that **unless** you form your own opinion first, you will never really understand what the guide is trying to tell you.

**All in all**, if I had to choose, **I'd rather** see an exhibition all by myself before listening to anybody else's opinion.

## Structuring your text:

first and foremost, to begin, moreover, indeed, first(ly), second(ly), third(ly), finally, to conclude

## Linkwords:

since, because of, therefore, that's why, in order (not) to, whereas

## Règles d'or

1. Pour exprimer votre opinion, il faut montrer que l'avis que vous exprimez est le vôtre (*as for me, personally, to my mind*) et utiliser des structures montrant votre prise de position ou vos sentiments (*I feel that, it seems to me, what I find is...*).
2. Un point de vue n'est jamais donné sans justification. On pourra avoir recours à des mots comme *since, because of, that's why* et donner un ou plusieurs exemples.
3. Pour une présentation structurée des propos, veillez à utiliser des mots et expressions appropriés : *first, then, finally, to conclude*.
4. N'oubliez pas de nuancer votre propos et de tenir compte des opinions différentes.

## Now your turn

Give your opinion about the following subject: *Is it better to go the cinema with your friends or alone?*