

What's your opinion?

- Asking for opinions about issues
- Politely giving opinions

1| Vocabulary

A Check the issues that you think your city should spend money on. Add two of your own ideas.

My city should...

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| _____ 1. reduce crime. | _____ 5. repair city buildings |
| _____ 2. increase the number of schools | _____ 6. increase the budget for parks |
| _____ 3. repair potholes in the streets | _____ 7. control overcrowding |
| _____ 4. improve the downtown area | _____ 8. provide cost-effective housing |

B PAIR WORK Share your answers from part A above. Give reasons for your answers.

2| Conversation

CD2 41 **A** Listen. What does Citizen 1 want the city to spend money on? What does Citizen 2 want the city to spend money on?



News announcer: We're here in front of City Hall today where citizens are waiting to join a town meeting about next year's budget. Everyone here has an opinion about what the city should be spending money on. Some want more money for schools. Others want better roads.



News announcer: Good evening. City officials are talking about spending more money on repairing the roads next year. What's your opinion on that?

Citizen 1: The way I see it, the city should spend money on improving public transportation before fixing the potholes. I tend to think that people should drive less, and they can't do that without good public transportation.



News announcer: One of your fellow citizens believes that the city should spend more money on public transportation rather than on the roads next year. What are your thoughts on that issue?

Citizen 2: I wonder if we should spend any money on roads or transportation at all next year. It seems to me that the city's biggest problem right now is crime.

B PAIR WORK Practice the conversation.

CD2 42 **C** Listen. Write the three extra sentences you hear in the conversation. Practice the new conversation.

3| Language Booster

A Notice the ways we ask for opinions about issues and politely give opinions.

Asking for opinions about issues

What's your opinion (on that)?
What are your thoughts on that issue?
How do you see the situation?

Politely giving opinions

The way I see it
I wonder if
As I see it
I tend to think that
It seems to me that

the city should spend more money on education.

B PAIR WORK Share your opinions about the issues in the Vocabulary section.

Examples:

A: It seems to me that the city should try to reduce crime in the downtown area. I tend to think that the city should hire more police.

B: I tend to think that more police won't solve the problem. I wonder if crime would go down if businesses downtown didn't stay open late...

4| Pronunciation Stress in two-syllable verbs

CD2 43 **A** Listen to these sentences. Notice that two-syllable verbs often receive stress on the second syllable.

1. We need to **reduce** crime in the city.
2. We have to **increase** the budget for public transportation.
3. The city should **improve** the school buildings.
4. Let's **repair** the roads.

B GROUP WORK Discuss the issues in Vocabulary section. This time, pay attention to the stress on two-syllable verbs.

SPEAK with CONFIDENCE

A PAIR WORK Write down three world issues that are important to you.

Three important issues

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

B GROUP WORK Work in a group of three. Share opinions about one of the issues you listed above.

ONLINE PRACTICE

