



Joining in a discussion

Listen to the audio clip **Giving an opinion on computer games**. What do you think? Do you agree with Brenda's views?

To take part in a discussion you need to be able to respond to other people's views, as well as express your own. Think about how you could respond to Brenda's opinion. You might agree, disagree or feel fairly neutral. Your response will depend on how strongly you feel about it.

Rank these possible responses in order of strength:
1 = strongly agree; 6 = strongly disagree

Rank (1-6)	Possible responses
	I agree, I think...
	I completely disagree with you.
	You're absolutely right. That's exactly how I see it.
	I think that's a good point.
	Mmm, but what about...?
	I don't think it matters. I think... is more important.
Can you think of any other responses?	

Think about how you could respond to some of Brenda's views:

1. "I think computer games are really bad for children."

Your response: _____

2. "Games are really violent and children might start to think it's OK to hurt people."

Your response: _____

Practise with a friend. Give your opinion on a topic and ask for and respond to their opinion.