

## EXPRESSING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

1. Brainstorm suitable words to go in these gaps. Some words can go in more than one gap.

The \_\_\_\_\_ advantage

The \_\_\_\_\_ disadvantage

A/ An \_\_\_\_\_ advantage

A/ An \_\_\_\_\_ disadvantage

2. Match the words under the fold to those four gaps categories. Most can go more than one place.

(Comparatively) minor

Most significant

Great

Only

Greatest

Overwhelming

Insignificant

Possible

Main

Potential

Major

Significant

More important

3. What other words and expressions mean "advantage(s)"?

What other words and expressions mean "disadvantage(s)"?

4. Match the words and expressions below with those two meanings.

Argument against

Cons

Plus

Argument for

Drawback

Positive aspect

Argument in support

Good effect

Pro

Bad consequence

Good point

Selling point

Bad point

Minus

Benefit

Negative aspect

5. What phrases can you use to continue giving more advantages or disadvantages?

What phrases can you use to switch from talking about one side to talking about the other?

Which phrases can be used to come to a conclusion?

6. Match the phrases below the fold with those three meanings:

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..., but...

...also...

Despite all of this,...

Even though that is true

Having looked at both sides of the argument,...

Furthermore

However,...

In addition,...

Looking at...

Moving on to...

Nevertheless

Nonetheless

On the other hand

On the other side of the coin,...

The advantages outweigh the disadvantages

Overall,...

There are more pros than cons

What is more,...

We also have to take into account that...

We can balance against this...