



# Identifying views and attitudes



## How do we identify views and attitudes?

- Read for words and phrases that express feelings, opinions and attitudes.

## Let's look closer!

I don't know who first started saying that there are no dumb students, but only lazy ones. That person probably has not considered the frustration and disappointment that we all have felt at least once in our lives. We studied hard for our exams. We spent hours upon hours reviewing our notes, checking with our previous tests to find out where we needed to expand more effort into studying. But when we saw the results, our grades were still not what we had hoped for.

The writer states his or her disagreement with the statement by pointing out that students have often studied hard but still could not achieve good grades.

### DSE 2020 Part B2 Q43 Multiple choice

e.g. The writer \_\_\_\_\_ with the statement 'there are no dumb students, only lazy ones'.

A. agrees

B. disagrees

C. neither agrees nor disagrees

A    B    C  
     

Have you ever noticed the way many teenagers behave when they dine with their families? Their eyes never leave their phone screens, forever glued to the games they are playing. They pay no attention to their parents and prefer to converse with their friends on social media instead. This is a worrying phenomenon. If parents do not address and tackle this problem, parent-child communication will soon no longer exist, even during face-to-face meals they share daily.

The writer points out a behaviour that he or she considers as *a worrying phenomenon*. In other words, he or she disapproves of the teenagers' behaviour.

### DSE 2022 Part B2 Q65 Multiple choice

e.g. What is the writer's view towards teenagers in this text?

A. disapproving (to have a poor opinion about something)

B. favourable (to have a good opinion about something)

C. hopeless (to think that the problem cannot be solved)

D. neutral (does not have an opinion on the subject)

A    B    C    D

## Let's practise!

The topic of 'NEET', which refers to young people who do not study or work, is appearing more frequently in media reports. Many of these reports, however, only consider one side of the issue. Contrary to what they claim, most teenagers are still eager to acquire new skills for work. The media failed to explore the reasons that have led some of them to opt out of studying or working.

**DSE** 2022 Part B2 Q65 Multiple choice

- 1 What is the writer's view towards the media reports in this text?
- A. amused       B. critical       C. neutral       D. supportive

Karen025 8:32 pm	The new <i>Laserman</i> film has just hit the screens. I'm not sure if it's worth watching, so I want to know what you guys think before I decide whether to watch it or not.
IronCaptain 8:44 pm	You can skip it! I was so bored I left the cinema halfway into the film.
BTZ4evr 8:51 pm	It's not as bad as you said, IronCaptain, but I don't think it's very interesting to watch either.
Fuzzybear 9:07 pm	What are you guys talking about? There wasn't even one boring moment. I've watched it twice already.

**DSE** 2021 Part B1 Q42 Multiple choice

- 2 Decide whether each of the following people has a positive, negative or neutral attitude towards the film *Laserman*.

	Positive	Negative	Neutral
(i) IronCaptain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(ii) BTZ4evr	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iii) Fuzzybear	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Exam Booster

Just when I thought the summer holiday was around the corner, Mum told me I would have to go to a tutorial school five days a week in July and August! I can't blame her. Even though I've tried my best to improve my grades, they are still far lower than what Mum expects from me. However, the thought of being trapped indoors for the whole summer makes me depressed.

**DSE** 2023 Part A Q2 Short answer

- 1 What word in the text is used to show that the writer feels sad about his situation? \_\_\_\_\_