

Lesson 3 Worksheet for the Pros and Cons Discussion

Theme Online classes should be encouraged in high school.

Step 1 Write your opinions.

Opinions for Pros [賛成意見]

Ex. With online classes, students don't have to go to school. This allows them to save time.

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<Vocabulary Hints>

save time 時間を節約する Web-based system ウェブベースのシステム
(ウェブ上で利用できるサービスやシステム)

technological literacy 技術リテラシー digital age デジタル時代

Step 2 Ask the Cons Team for their opinions.

*the Cons Team 反対チーム

Example Question to Start the Discussion



the Pros Team

Could you explain why you are against the opinion that online classes should be encouraged in high school?

Online classes may make students feel lonely. Casual conversations with other classmates are important and fun but they are difficult in online classes.



the Cons Team

Write down the Cons Team's opinions.

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Step 3 Refute the Cons Team's points.

*refute ～に反論する

List facts and opinions that can be used to refute the Cons Team's points.

Ex. Online classes give us the opportunity to get to know other students who we haven't talked to in the classroom, through chat rooms or bulletin boards.

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Example Responses to Start the Refutation

*refutation 反論


the Pros Team

It may be true in a sense, but online classes give us the opportunity to get to know other students who we haven't talked to in the classroom, through chat rooms or bulletin boards.

<Expression Hints>

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casual conversation 何気ない会話 boring 単調な

face-to-face class 対面授業 lose concentration 集中力がなくなる

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