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LO: To understand how to undermine another opinion in an argument.

Part of making a strong persuasive argument is taking opinions that are different to yours and undermining them.

What does 'undermine' mean? Research it using the internet or a dictionary.

To undermine something, means to almost make it seem weaker or unimportant. People will have differing opinions to you, so you have to make their ideas in the argument seem weak. This will make your points even stronger.

Here is an example:

### **Opinion 1**

"Fur coats make you look absolutely gorgeous!"

### **Undermine it**

Some people think fur coats make you look great, but these people are vain and clearly think it is more important to look good than keep animals safe.

I would like you to have a go at undermining the following opinions. Please write it like I have above, with the original opinion and then how you have undermined it. This is about undermining, so even if you agree, just pretend you don't. (By the way, these are not necessarily my real opinions!)

### Opinion 2

"Everyone should own a pet."

### Opinion 3

"Children should do chores to earn pocket money."

### Opinion 4

"Weekends should be three days long."

Opinion 5

"McDonalds is the worst fast food restaurant because the chips are too salty."

Opinion 6

"Children should receive homework to help them learn."

Opinion 7

"Aliens don't exist."

Opinion 8

"Buses are a better mode of transport than cars because they are better for the environment."

Opinion 9

"All children should learn another language at school!"

Opinion 10

"Schools should not have uniforms."

**Task:**

I would now like you to pick one of these arguments and write one paragraph arguing for or against it, including your undermining statement.