

Looking at both sides dominoes

Work together to put together the cards that you are given to make phrases that can be used to talk about good points and bad points. There might sometimes be more than one possible match, but there is only one way to put all of the cards together, in a single big circle, with the first one joined to the last one. Note that there is no link between the right and left side of each card, so you only need to look at matches between cards.

Brainstorming stage

Without looking at the cards, brainstorm as many of the things below as you can into the gaps given. Many expressions not on the cards are also possible.

Pairs of expressions which mean “advantages and disadvantages”

Expressions for changing from looking at one to looking at the other

Expressions for coming to a conclusion

Mixed answers

Use the mixed answers below to help with the brainstorming task above, matching up the positive and negative expressions.

- ... (easily) outweigh...
- ... is the most important factor for..., so...
- ... Nevertheless,...
- ... Nonetheless,...
- against
- Although there are also selling points to this, in modern society...
- Although..., it is difficult to see any merit in...
- bad
- benefits
- cons
- Despite the disadvantages explained above,...
- drawbacks
- (arguments) for
- (Looking at...) from another point of view,...
- good (point)
- In opposition to those arguments, it can also be said that...
- in support
- Looking at...
- Moving on from... to...
- negative (effect)
- On balance,...
- On the other hand,...
- On the other side of the coin,...
- People on the other side (of the argument) say that...
- positive (consequence)
- pros
- There are (far) more benefits than drawbacks.
- There are also, however,....
- There are far more... than.,.
- Turning from... to....
- Turning our attention (from...) to...
- We can safely ignore... due to.... Therefore,...
- Weighing up... against...
- Weighing up... and....

Look at the cards to help, then check all your answers as a class.

Play an actual game of dominoes with the same cards, dealing out seven cards each and taking more if you can't match either end of the dominoes on the table to any in your hand. The winner is the first person with no cards left in their hand or the person with the fewest cards left at the end of the game.

Try to use as many of the phrases as you can in a roleplay debate.

Cards to cup up/ Suggested answers

the coin, we have to consider...	There are far more pros	than cons.	There are both
advantages and disadvantages to this policy.	There are arguments both for and	against this research methodology.	The benefits easily
outweigh the drawbacks.	Turning from the good	to the bad points,...	As well as the positive side, there
are also negative aspects to this trend.	Although it is	popular, it is difficult to see any merit in continuing this approach.	Arguments in support of
and against this course of action include...	One of the	many disadvantages of this is...	The
main advantage of this is...	Along with the many negative effects, one positive	consequence of this is...	Moving on from the arguments against
to the arguments in support of this course of action,...	There are several major drawbacks to this approach. Nevertheless,	it is a good approach in the majority of cases.	On the other
hand, it can be difficult to implement in practice.	Looking at it from another point of	view, it can also be said to lead to...	On the other side of