

Perspective

Word of the month

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1. What do you do when you need a solution to a problem? Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 I talk to | a) my diary. |
| 2 I ask an | b) adult for help. |
| 3 I write in | c) stay calm. |
| 4 I try to | d) other people's opinions. |
| 5 I listen to | e) my friends. |

2. Complete the sentence with the word of the month.

When people can't agree on the best solution to a problem, they fight. People often think that they _____ are right and that their opinion is correct. To solve problems, it is important to consider other _____ people's **opinions** and look at the situation from their _____.

3.a Read the problem.

Marco did not get a good mark in his English test because he didn't study.

3.b Match each person to their perspective on the problem.

Person	Perspective
Marco	a) English is an important subject and we are very angry with Marco. He must stay home and study more.
Parents	b) Marco is a good student usually. There was some new grammar in the test and Marco couldn't answer the questions.
Teacher	c) I didn't study because the test was on Monday morning. I don't want to study at the weekend. I want to see my friends.

3.c Read this possible solution. Do you think it is a fair solution? Why/ Why not?

Marco should study on Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings. Then he has time to see his friends as well. His parents should not be too angry about one poor test result. They should help Marco to organise a new study schedule. The teacher should not do grammar tests on Monday mornings. They should talk to the students about the best day to do tests.

I think/ don't think it is a fair solution because...

Teacher's Notes

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1e;

2b;

3a;

4c;

5d

2. When people can't agree on the best solution to a problem, they fight. People often think that they are right and that their opinion is correct. To solve problems, it is important to consider other people's opinions and look at the situation from their perspective.

3.b

Marco = c;

Parents = a;

Teacher = b

3.c Sample answer: I think it's a fair solution because it is important for young people to study and spend time with their friends. It is also important for students, parents and teachers to talk and to always look at the situation from everyone's perspective.