

DESCRIBING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

A2-B1 | Functional language for discussing good and bad points

1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to talk about the good and bad points of an idea.

One good thing is ...

One good thing is that it is cheap.

The advantage is ...

The advantage is the short journey.

It is useful because ...

It is useful because it saves time.

A problem is ...

A problem is that it is noisy.

The disadvantage is ...

The disadvantage is the cost.

It can be difficult to ...

It can be difficult to find parking.

On the good side, ...

On the good side, it is flexible.

However, ...

It's cheap; however, it's noisy.

2 Respond to the situations

Write one sentence about an advantage or disadvantage. Try to use a range of phrases.

1. Discuss one benefit of taking the bus.

2. Discuss one problem with working from home.

3. Discuss one benefit of learning online.

4. Discuss one disadvantage of living in a big city.

5. Discuss one benefit of using a phone app.

6. Discuss one problem with travelling by car.

7. Discuss one benefit of sharing a flat.

8. Discuss one disadvantage of shopping online.

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3 Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable responses are also correct.

Encourage students to use a range of phrase patterns from page 1.

1. One good thing about the bus is that it is cheap.

2. A problem with working from home is that it can be lonely.

3. The advantage of learning online is that it is flexible.

4. The disadvantage of a big city is that it can be noisy.

5. A phone app is useful because it can save time.

6. It can be difficult to find parking when travelling by car.

7. On the good side, sharing a flat is often cheaper.

8. Online shopping is convenient; however, you can't see the product in person.
