

15 A law must be passed!

Exercise 1

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

2. People shouldn't be allowed to eat on the subway.
3. People shouldn't be permitted to play loud music in their apartments.
4. Dogs should be required to wear leashes.

Exercise 2

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

2. Something must be done to reduce traffic on the freeways.
3. Bicyclists must have their own bike lanes.
4. A law has got to be passed to stop people from looking at their phones when they're crossing the street.

Exercise 3

Answers will vary.

Exercise 4

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

2. A: People mustn't be allowed to write unkind things about others on social networking sites.
B: That's not a bad idea. On the other hand, I feel that people should be allowed to express their opinions about anything.
3. A: Public transportation should be provided free of charge.
B: That's interesting, but I think that free public transportation would result in increased taxes for everyone.
4. A: I think people ought to be required to buy hybrid cars.
B: Do you? I'm not sure everyone can afford a hybrid car.
5. A: In my opinion, all plastic containers should be banned.
B: You may have a point. However, I think that some plastic containers, such as food storage containers, are necessary.

Exercise 5

A

Possible answer:

A revenge story describes an action someone took to get back at someone who was hurting or taking advantage of him or her in some way. It's usually a mean or controversial action. Marcy's friend was taking advantage of Marcy's kindness and generosity and forcing her to pay for meals when they ate out together, so Marcy did the same thing to her. Jonathan's neighbors were neglecting the rabbits, so he stole them to protect and save them. Chad's neighbor didn't care that the leaky air conditioner was making it difficult for Chad to sleep, so Chad turned the air conditioner off without telling the neighbor.

B

Answers will vary.

C

Answers will vary.

Exercise 6

3. You can easily spend all your money on food and rent, can't you?
4. Some unemployed people don't really want to work, do they?
5. Health care is getting more and more expensive, isn't it?
6. There are a lot of homeless people downtown, aren't there?
7. Some schools have overcrowded classrooms, don't they?
8. Laws should be passed to reduce street crime, shouldn't they?

Exercise 7

A

Noun	Verb	Noun	Verb
advertisement	<u>advertise</u>	<u>pollution</u>	pollute
<u>bully</u>	bully	prohibition	<u>prohibit</u>
<u>improvement</u>	improve	provision	<u>provide</u>
offense	<u>offend</u>	<u>requirement</u>	require
permission	<u>permit</u>	<u>vandalism</u>	vandalize

B

Answers will vary.

Exercise 8

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

2. For: It might stop children from being bullies.
Against: Parents, not schools, should be responsible for their children's behavior.
3. For: It's important to keep the city clean.
Against: There are other more important things to spend tax money on.
4. For: Every animal's life is important.
Against: There aren't enough animal shelters to care for every stray animal.

Exercise 9

Gina: You know, I just moved into this new apartment building, and I thought everything would be really great now.

Alec: What's the problem?

Gina: Well, yesterday, the manager gave me a copy of the house rules. I found out that I can't park my moped on the sidewalk in front of the building anymore.

Alec: But people shouldn't be permitted to park their bikes or mopeds there.

Gina: Why not? There isn't any other place to park, is there? I guess I'll have to park on the street now.

Alec: I'm sorry that parking somewhere else will be inconvenient, but don't you agree that people shouldn't be allowed to block the sidewalk or the entrance to the building?

Gina: Well, you may have a point, but parking spaces for all types of cycles need to be provided for renters here. All renters with a car have a parking space, don't they?

Alec: Well, yes, you're right. You should go to the next renters' meeting and discuss the issue with everyone else.

Gina: That's not a bad idea. My voice ought to be heard as much as anyone else's – I think I will!