

Skate Park Perspectives Answer Key

1. Parent's concerns emphasized:

- Safety risks (lack of helmets).
- Loud gatherings could disrupt shops.
- Area may become less family-friendly.
- Funds could have been used on education or safer spaces.

2. Teen's benefits emphasized:

- Safe and designated space for skating.
- Encourages activity and socializing.
- Bright lights and professional ramps.
- Provides a positive outlet, keeping teens out of trouble.

3. Word choice showing bias:

- Parent: words like *"disrupt," "less family-friendly,"* and *"better spent"* lean negative.
- Teen: words like *"exciting," "safe," "energy and life,"* and *"positive outlet"* lean positive.

4. Which is more positive/negative:

- Passage B (teen) = more positive tone, highlighting benefits.
- Passage A (parent) = more negative tone, focusing on risks and drawbacks.

5. Balanced article could include:

- From parent: need for safety measures and community impact.
- From teen: health, activity, and positive space benefits.
- Together, the park could be described as valuable **if safety rules are enforced** and **noise is monitored**.

Teacher Notes

- Extension activity: Have students rewrite each passage from a **city council member's perspective**, blending both views.
- Assess not just whether answers are correct, but whether students **explain their reasoning with evidence**.