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Directions: Read the nonfiction passage. Answer the questions to examine **tone**, **word choice**, and **point of view**.



Last month, the city approved the construction of a new community sports complex near the river. Supporters describe the project as a smart investment that will give students a safe place to exercise and practice teamwork. They point to the planned basketball courts, walking trails, and indoor gym as signs of positive growth. Critics, however, call the project rushed and say the money should have been spent repairing older parks instead. They also warn that increased traffic could create problems for nearby neighborhoods.

1. What is the main topic of the passage?
2. Which group **supports** the sports complex?
3. Which group **criticizes** the project?
4. Find one **positive word or phrase** used to describe the complex.
5. Find one **negative word or phrase** used to describe the project.
6. Does the author seem mostly **in favor**, **against**, or **balanced** in presenting the project?
7. What detail shows the **supporters' point of view**?
8. What detail shows the **critics' point of view**?
9. Do you think the passage shows **bias or balance**? Explain your answer in one sentence using evidence.