

1 A: Have you read that article about the theory that mobile phones are making bees disappear?

B: No, what's the theory?

A: The theory is that the bees' navigation systems are being damaged by the radiation that is given off by mobile phones.

B: So what happens to the bees?

A: They can't find their way back to their hives and die.

B: Are bees important?

A: Yes, because most crops are pollinated by them. Without bees, the crops can't grow.

B: Have beekeepers said that they've lost a lot of bees?

A: Yes, lots of beekeepers have reported losing large numbers of bees recently.

B: Something needs to be done before it's too late.

A: Yes, you're right.

2 A: Do you want the Olympic water sports centre to be built in our town?

B: No, I don't. Hundreds of trees will be cut down, and huge play areas will be lost.

A: I agree. And the homes of many ducks and swans will be destroyed.

B: The Olympic Committee say that the Games will make money, and lots of jobs will be created.

A: Yes, but temporary jobs won't make much difference to the town.

B: They also say that they will only use parts of the park that have been closed for five years.

A: And that animal habitats won't be damaged.

B: Do you believe them?

A: No, I think the sports centre will make a mess of our park.

B: Yes, we should do our best to stop the plans.

3 A: Has your town changed in the last five years?

B: Yes, two new hotels have been built.

A: Has that made a difference to the town?

B: Yes, because new jobs have been created.

A: Are people happy with the changes?

B: Some people think that too many trees have been cut down.

A: Is that a problem?

B: Yes, but the town council has announced that a new park will be built next year.

A: Who's going to build it?

B: I don't know yet. A competition will be held for the design.

A: That'll be interesting.

4 A: My sister wants to have her ears pierced.

B: Have you had your ears pierced?

A: No, not yet. My parents said they wouldn't let me until I'm sixteen.

B: But you were allowed to have your hair dyed.

A: Yes, but they made me choose an ordinary colour.

B: I want to have my body tattooed.

A: Do you think your parents will let you do that?

B: No, but when I'm eighteen, I'll have it done.

A: When we're eighteen we can do what we want.