



ELA Virtual Learning

Grade 8/Listening

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Lesson: 5/05/20

Objective/Learning Target:

I can acknowledge new information expressed by others including those presented in diverse media and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of evidence presented.

Warm-up

Using the internet, find the answers to the following questions and write them on a piece of paper. For the last three, use this website: [Salaries of Different Occupations](#). Use the “Occupation Groups” on the left to find the salaries for police officers, nurses, and teachers.

- Who is the highest paid NFL player and how much money does he make in a year?
 - How much did the average NFL player make in 2019?
- Who is the highest paid NBA player and how much money does he make in a year?
 - How much did the average NBA player make in 2019?
- Who is the highest paid MLB player and how much money does he make in a year?
 - How much did the average MLB player make in 2019?
- What is the average salary of a police officer?
- What is the average salary of a nurse?
- What is the average salary of a middle school teacher?

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- Who is the highest paid NFL player and how much money does he make in a year? [Russell Wilson - \\$35 million](#)
 - How much did the average NFL player make in 2019? [\\$860,000](#)
- Who is the highest paid NBA player and how much money does he make in a year? [Stephen Curry - \\$40 million](#)
 - How much did the average NBA player make in 2019? [\\$7.7 million](#)
- Who is the highest paid MLB player and how much money does he make in a year? [Mike Trout - \\$37.7 million](#)
 - How much did the average MLB player make in 2019? [\\$4 million](#)
- What is the average salary of a police officer? [\\$65,170](#)
- What is the average salary of a nurse? [\\$47,480](#)
- What is the average salary of a middle school teacher? [\\$59,660](#)

Learn

Today, you are going to listen to four people debate a topic and share their opinions. There are some things to remember while you are listening to a speaker make an argument or share their opinion.

- Figure out what the person is arguing. What is their opinion?
- What pieces of information are they using to support their argument/opinion?
- Does their argument make sense? Does the information accurately support the argument/opinion?



Independent Practice

First, on the piece of paper you used for the warm-up activity, write your thoughts to the following question: *Are professional athletes paid too much?*

Watch the clock and write as much as you can think of in 2 minutes. Give your opinion and think of all the reasons why you feel that way. Give specific examples if you can.



Independent Practice continued

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Are Athletes Paid Too Much?



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- Firefighters and police officers should be paid more since they save lives.
- There are only a few people in the world who can do what athletes like LeBron can do.
- People place a high value on sports so that's why they get paid so much.
- Athletes don't work as many years as other jobs so they should make more money each year.
- The sports leagues make billions so the athletes should get paid a lot.

Independent Practice continued

On a piece of paper, write a 5-7 paragraph using your thoughts and opinions from Slide 6 and the information you wrote down from Slide 8. Compare your thoughts and opinions to the thoughts and opinions of the people in the video.

- Here are some questions to consider when you write your paragraph:
- How are your arguments and opinions different from those in the video?
- How does your supporting evidence and information compare to the supporting information of the people in the video?
- Which argument makes the most sense? Why?
- What information best supports the argument?

Remember to use proper punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and grammar.



Independent Practice continued **answers**

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Student answers will vary depending on their opinions from Slide 6 and the information they take from the video. Answers should be 5-7 complete sentences with correct punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and grammar. Answers should compare the student's thoughts and opinions to those of the video and provide specific reasons for the opinions. Answers should also analyze which argument/opinion is best.

Additional Resources

Here's a link to the highest paid athletes in the world. It includes how much they make in salary and endorsements. Hopefully, you are all practicing your soccer skills! 🤯 [Highest Paid Athletes in the World](#)

