

Word formation discussion questions

New Cutting Edge Upper Intermediate Module 2

- Do exams cause too much anxiety? Should there be fewer of them in schools?
- Is friendship more important than family these days?
- Do you think that computer games provide children with intellectual stimulation? If not, what can be done about it?
- What can be done about bad behaviour by school kids?
- What effect does criticism by school teachers have?
- What is the biggest problem in modern society? What can be done about it?
- Should companies encourage physical fitness in their office workers?
- Is passion or companionship more important in a long term romantic relationship?
- Do you think the government should do more to control credit agencies who lend to penniless people?
- Do you think some kids become discouraged very early in their school careers? What can be done to prevent that?
- Are you optimistic about the economic future of your country?
- What are people in your country most anxious about?

Without looking back at the previous page yet, answer the language questions below.

What are the nouns (or other nouns) of these words?

Anxious

Friendly

Stimulate

Behave

Criticise

Social

Fit

Companion

What are the adjectives of these words?

Penny

Discourage

Optimism

What are the prefixes and suffixes above?

What other prefixes and suffixes can you think of that are used with adjectives?

What are the adjectives of these words?

Benefit

Wealth

Power

Unhappiness

Insecurity

Value

Tire

Depress

Check your answers on page 22, then discuss what the missing word is and how inspiring the text is.

Fill in the adjectives in the next exercise and discuss which of the sayings you like best.