Chapter 3: Expressive Writing

Approach: Independent  
Focus: Persuasive writing.  
Resources: Video recording on laptop computer.

Questions/instructions:
This activity uses the computer. Click the Kids These Days... button.
In this activity you are going to listen to Ruby and Mr. Lee, who both give different viewpoints about teenagers.

Listen carefully to the two viewpoints about teenagers because you are going to be asked what you think.
Click the Play button.

Video script:
Teenagers are bad news! In my day we had to behave or else! Their language is disgusting and they’re always ‘hanging out’ causing trouble. It’s not safe to go down the street on a Friday night any more with them doing their wheelies. Kids these days have no respect for older people. It’s time for teens to take a good look at themselves and change their rude behaviour! Come on teens.... learn some manners now!

Video script:
I’m sick of people saying bad things about us teenagers. We’re not all rude and cheeky! We don’t all drink, smoke, and get into trouble. Don’t judge us before you know us! Most of us have worries like school work, and getting along with our friends and parents. You know, adults have forgotten what it was like to be our age, and they don’t want to listen to what we have to say! It’s hard being a teen. Give us a break!

Which viewpoint do you agree with?

Ruby  
Mr Lee  
neither/both

Write down your reasons for saying that.

Persuasiveness of reasons for chosen position:
strongly persuasive 8  
quite strongly persuasive 47  
moderately persuasive 39  
weakly or not persuasive 6

Commentary:
No commentary.