

<i>900 exercises for Vocational Communication</i>	Notes for teachers	E2 / 41
<i>General aim</i>	E: Evaluate a message	
<i>Level of difficulty</i>	2	
<i>Intermediate aim</i>	4: Pass judgement on a simple message	
<i>Operational aim</i>	1: Clarify your position from a message and justify your point of view	
<i>Pre-requirements</i>	Modules E1/21 and E2/11	
<i>Number of exercises</i>	6	
<i>Summing-up exercise</i>	E2/41 – 1.6	
<i>Applications (examples)</i>		
<i>Comments</i>		

<i>900 exercises for Vocational communication</i>	Exercise	E2 / 41 – 1.1
		Eval.:

Today it is very probable that people will no longer have a career for life. They will have to change several times. Not only their jobs but also maybe even their profession.

Do you think this is true? Do you want a career for life, or would you rather change jobs? Give examples to support your opinion.

Show your work to your teacher.

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The European Commission wants education systems to improve basic skills. This includes the teaching of at least two foreign languages.

Do you think we need to know foreign languages? Why? Give at least 4 arguments and 2 examples.

Show your work to your teacher.

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		Eval.:

Mrs Vera Lotwurse, 67, a retired teacher, says: “Look at that girl over there. She can’t be more than 15 and she’s pregnant. What’s she going to do with her life? It’s ruined! I blame the parents. If they looked after their children properly, it wouldn’t happen. There’s not enough discipline nowadays.”

Do you share Mrs Lotwurse’s opinion? If not, why not? Give your point view, with at least 6 arguments and 2 examples.

Show your work to the teacher.

Irresistible Beauty Magazine:

Letters page:

I see more and more young people dressed incredibly badly. The girls wear dresses over trousers, trainers with heels. Boys wear jeans halfway down to their knees, dirty sweatshirts. I ask you! What is this world coming to? And they expect to get a job dressed like that. No employer will even look at them, let alone hire them. When are they going to come to their senses?

Mrs Pamela Wetblanket,
Tunbridge Wells

Do you think Mrs Wetblanket is right to complain like this. Is it true that nobody will employ them? Give at least 5 arguments and 2 examples.

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<i>900 exercises for Vocational communication</i>	Exercise	E2 / 41 – 1.5
		Eval.:

The Daily Post, 23 September

Hugo First, the famous stand-up comedian, was fined £2,000 and ordered to pay the same in damages for his racist remarks during a show in Manchester. His fans are gathering tonight outside the county court, to protest against this decision. “How far can you go under pretext of comedy before being accused of racism?” asked our reporter.

What do you think of this court decision? Give your opinion and at least 5 arguments and 2 examples.

Show your work to the teacher.

Radio Active, phone-in. Today's topic: the European law on smoking in public places

“Now we have Mr Nick O'Tene from Belfast on the line.”

“Hello, I'm calling in response to the previous listener and in particular about smoking in restaurants. I'm a smoker and I do not intend to stop. It is my right! I think it's scandalous to forbid people to smoke where they like. As a smoker, I can tell you it's very difficult, and demands a huge effort, to refrain from smoking after a meal, with a cup of coffee or with a drink in a pub. It deprives people of their right to freedom. If you stop people smoking in restaurants, they will no longer go there. These places will lose business. By all means, introduce non-smoking restaurants. But don't forbid restaurant owners to allow people to smoke. Why not have non-smoking restaurants and smoking restaurants? That way everyone will be happy.”

Do you share this listener's opinion? Explain why, using at least 7 arguments and 3 examples.

Show your work to the teacher.