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Complete the table and mark the stress.

## Pronunciation

Which syllable is stressed in each pair of words? Practise saying them with the correct stress.

equal / equality  
ethnic / ethnicity  
diverse / diversity

Adjective	Noun
equal	equality
ethnic	ethnicity
diverse	diversity
inclusive	
	stereotype
	strategy
offensive	
	bias
	challenge

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**Interview three members of the class and take notes.**

	1.	2.	3.

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**Choose six of the questions below.**

- a. What do you think you should do if you see or experience discrimination in your school?
- b. Should your school be doing more to prevent discrimination? Why? What?
- c. Do you think people should avoid using the term *Third World*? Why? What should they use instead?
- d. What do you think about using words like *girl* or *dear* to talk to a woman?
- e. Why do we say *blind people* or *people with visual impairments* instead of *the blind* nowadays?
- f. How important is inclusive language, in your opinion? Why?
- g. To what extent do you agree with the argument that everyone is prejudiced in some way? Why?
- h. Do you consider yourself to be free of bias? Why?
- i. What do you think when you see someone from a different culture? Are your ideas about that person generally fair? Why?
- j. What stereotypes of Portuguese culture and background do you think people from other cultures and backgrounds have? Are these stereotypes accurate?

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**To what extent is it good or bad to be 'woke'?**

Positives of being 'woke'	Negatives of being 'woke'
1.	1.
<i>Example/evidence:</i>	<i>Example/evidence:</i>
2.	2.
<i>Example/evidence:</i>	<i>Example/evidence:</i>
3.	3.
<i>Example/evidence:</i>	<i>Example/evidence:</i>

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## Opinion essay

**Information will soon be so easy to find on the internet that people will not need to remember anything. Do you agree?**

Nowadays all the information we could ever need is available online and some people say that means the end of having to learn anything.

It is true that these days everything you want to know is a few clicks away as long as you have internet access. However, not everyone has working internet all the time, for example in certain buildings or remote locations, so we do need to be able to remember information. Moreover, it takes time to look up everything you need to know online, whereas remembering something is immediate. The human memory is a much more efficient system.

Another problem is the quality of the information online. How do we know if it is accurate or reliable? We need to think about other facts we know and remember how to compare information from different websites. Knowing (and remembering) how to find certain information will be more important than knowing the information itself.

Finally, the internet is a good tool but it is not a useful replacement for our brains. If we did not remember anything, we would all spend even more time on our phones and computers than we already do, which is not good for society.

In conclusion, the internet offers us many things but it is still important to use our knowledge and memories. We need our memories to function without the internet and we also need to know how to use the internet properly.

*Write a number (1–5) to put the essay paragraphs in order.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Main point – the advantages of using memory over searching online

\_\_\_\_\_ Main point – the negative social effects of internet use

\_\_\_\_\_ Introduction – an explanation of the essay question in other words

\_\_\_\_\_ Conclusion – the internet cannot replace memory

\_\_\_\_\_ Main point – the difficulty of finding good quality information online

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## Opinion essay

To sum up	On the other hand	However
What's more	Moreover	As well as
Whereas	Finally	In conclusion

Contrasting	Adding ideas	Finishing

- ..... , people are living longer and staying active until later in their lives.
- Most people agree that living longer is a good thing. .... , an ageing population presents some challenges for society.
- In the past, people lived on average 14 years past retirement age, ..... now they can expect to live 30.
- People's retirement savings have to last longer. .... , there may be little or no support available from a state pension.
- On the ..... , many companies can benefit from the experience and expertise of older workers. What's ..... , many retired people say they enjoy working occasionally on one-off projects.
- ..... contributing to the workplace, older members of society can spend valuable time with their children and grandchildren.
- ..... , caring for the elderly is also an issue. Financial and practical support should be available to help people look after their loved ones.
- In ..... , living longer can bring many opportunities but also some challenges. People need to plan for the future and the government should provide financial and practical support for people's retirement and medical care.