

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Before You Write

A Read the letters to the editor of a magazine. Who is in favor of fast food? Who is against it?

Dear Editor,

I just read your article about fast food, and I am shocked. More than 70 percent of children in this city eat fast food several times a week, and so do teenagers! This is a serious risk to their health. Fast food has a lot of calories, but it doesn't have much protein. Someone should do something about this problem.

George Kent

Dear Editor,

Young people eat fast food for three reasons. First, it is easy to find. Second, it is often cheaper than other food. Third, they love it! You say fast food makes children fat. I'm sure that's not true. My son and daughter eat fast food every day. My son is thin and so is my daughter. They're very healthy, too!

Nadia Champion

B Read the letters again. Check (✓) the correct boxes.

	Fact	Opinion
1. More than 70 percent of children eat fast food several times a week.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. This is a serious risk to children's health.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Fast food is often cheaper than other food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I'm sure that's not true.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your First Draft

A Choose a statement that you agree with. Then write facts and opinions that support it.

1. Eating at home is better than eating out.

2. Health food is boring.

Statement: _____

Facts: _____

Opinions: _____

B Write a letter to the editor. Use your statement, facts, and opinions and the letters above as a model.

C PAIR WORK Read your partner's letter. Write answers to these questions.

1. What do you like about the letter?
2. What information is unclear?
3. What else do you want to know?

Your Second Draft

Use your partner's answers to revise your letter.

new words						
against	article	calories	editor	in favor of	protein	shocked