

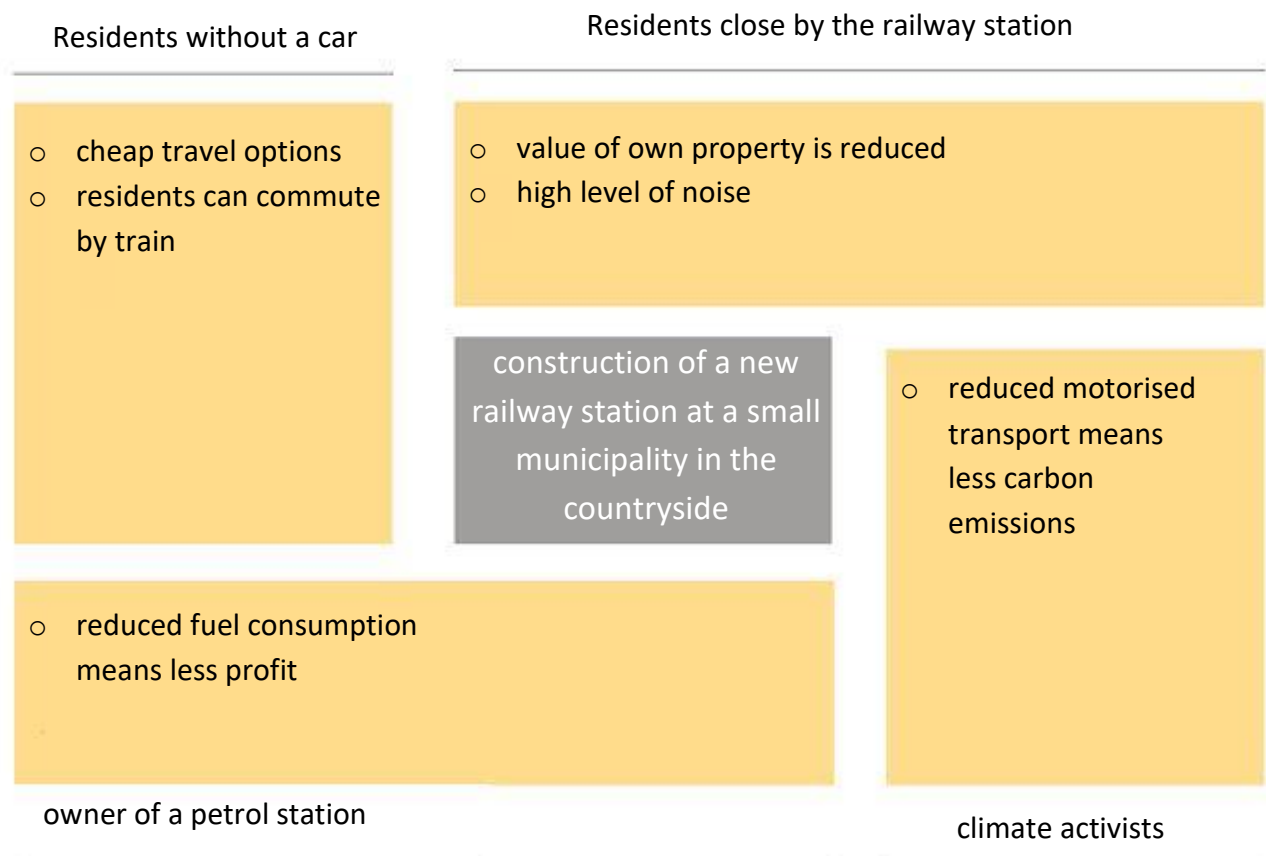
Four perspectives

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It is often hard for us to understand other people's views. And yet every one of us has individual needs and different ideas of how to meet them. For instance, when it comes to building a new railway station in the countryside, some of the local residents, especially those who don't have a car, might be happy with the prospect of a new train station, as they will have a faster commute to the city. Residents living nearby, however, might feel disturbed by the increased level of noise a railway station would likely bring about.

Think of four different stakeholders and the stances they might take on the deforestation of rainforests (e.g. a businessperson trading with tropical woods, a member of an indigenous community living in the rainforest, a European buyer of tropical woods, a climate activist, etc.). Try to find arguments supporting each position. Then four of you engage in a role play, adopting one of the four stances mentioned above, in a panel discussion on the topic of rainforest deforestation. Each panelist should describe why the deforestation of the rainforest would have a positive (or negative) effect on his or her life. After the panel discussion, make sure to actively step out of the role you adopted for the role play.

Example



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