

L'engagement et la citoyenneté

L'essentiel sur une page

Parler de citoyenneté et d'engagement en anglais : droits, devoirs, bénévolat, causes, et défendre une opinion avec des arguments.

1 Citizenship: rights and duties

- **a citizen / citizenship ; a community, society.**
- **Rights** : *the right to vote, the right to education, freedom of speech, equal rights, a fair trial.*
- **Duties** : *to obey the law, to pay taxes, to respect others, to serve on a jury.*
- *the right to* + nom ou BV ; pluriel **duties**.
- Repères : Human Rights (1948), Rights of the Child (1989) ; vote à 18 ans au Royaume-Uni.

2 Volunteering

- **to volunteer at / for ; a volunteer** = un bénévole (pas « déterminé »).
- **a charity ; to raise money for ; to donate / a donation.**
- **a food bank, a shelter, a fundraiser ; to give up one's time.**
- Repères : Red Nose Day, Children in Need.

3 Getting involved

- **to get involved in, to commit to, to take action.**
- **to stand up for, to campaign for, to protest against, to speak out.**
- **to sign a petition, a demonstration, a march, a strike.**
- **to make a difference, to raise awareness of.**
- Préposition + **V-ing** : *involved in protecting.*
- Malala Yousafzai (Nobel 2014), Greta Thunberg (2018).

4 Giving an opinion

- *I think / I believe (that)..., In my opinion, To my mind, It seems to me that...*
- *I strongly believe, As far as I'm concerned, Personally.*
- *I agree / I disagree with you ; I'm in favour of / against* + nom ou V-ing.
- *I think so / I don't think so.*

5 Building an argument

- Cause : **because, since, as.**
- Conséquence : **so, that's why, therefore.**
- Opposition : **but, however, even though, whereas, on the other hand.**
- Exemple : **for example, for instance, such as.**
- Ajout / conclusion : **moreover, what's more / to sum up, in conclusion.**
- Récit d'un engagement : prétérit — *volunteered, raised, campaigned ; stood up for, fought, spoke out, went on strike, gave up.*

6 Traps

- ~~I am agree~~ → *I agree.*
- ~~the right of vote~~ → *the right to vote.*
- *a demonstration* = une manifestation ; *a volunteer* = un bénévole.
- *right* = droit / à droite / juste ; *duty* ≠ homework.

L'ESSENTIEL

- Citizenship = rights (to vote, to education, freedom of speech) + duties (to obey the law, to pay taxes).
- To volunteer at a shelter, to raise money for a charity, to donate : le bénévolat se dit avec ces verbes.
- S'engager : to get involved in, to stand up for, to campaign for, to protest against, to make a difference.

- Opinion : I think / In my opinion / I strongly believe ; I agree, jamais « I am agree ».
- Argument = opinion + because + for instance + so + however + to sum up.