Quick Project

A Ban on Boxing?

Some people think boxing is a great sport. What do you think?

**Project:** Work in pairs. Think about whether boxing should be banned. List some pros and cons. Then choose a side and explain your view.

**Procedure**

1. **Brainstorm.**
   Discuss ideas with your partner. List as many reasons as you can why boxing should be banned. Then list reasons why it should be allowed to continue. Make some notes about these issues:
   - What if boxers get badly hurt?
   - Will watching violent competition make some people do violent things?
   - Should people cheer when someone gets knocked out?
   - How does boxing provide jobs and enjoyment for people?

2. **Organize ideas.**
   Write “Pros” on the left side of a piece of paper and “Cons” on the right. List ideas from your brainstorming notes. Follow this example:

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<td>• A ban would stop boxers from getting hurt.</td>
<td>• A ban would stop professional athletes from earning a living.</td>
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4. **State your opinion.**
   Which points do you agree with most strongly? On your own, write a paragraph explaining your views. Start your paragraph this way:
   - I have studied the pros and cons of a ban on boxing. I think . . .