

Cool to pierce?

This task is about using different types of words.

Piercing LOOKS dorky.

You can do what you like so long as it's legal and doesn't affect anyone else.

At our school you can only have one stud in each ear. You're not allowed any in your nose or anywhere else. I reckon if the kids can only have studs then the teachers should only have studs.

Belly button piercing is OK if you're skinny enough.

Why get pierced?

It's different. People do it to upset their parents and because their friends do it. It's attention-getting.

It shows style. *It says you're cool and you can handle the pain.*

You've got attitude.

What are the down sides to getting a piercing?

It's harder to get a job if you have piercings. **It can get infected.**

It's too much hassle.

It's dangerous if you're playing sport. You can get earrings, sleepers, and studs ripped out, along with half your ear lobe.

IT COSTS A LOT TO GET IT DONE PROPERLY.

What do your parents think of body piercing?

Most students said that their parents wouldn't mind if they got just their ears pierced, but were likely to object to anything else.

What would your parents say if you just went out and got a nose or belly-button piercing?

They'd say it makes you look cheap.

"No way!"

They'd freak out at first but get used to it.

They'd have a cow.

Read the page of students' comments about body piercing to do the following tasks.

a) Next to each word listed below, write a word or phrase (from the students' comment page) that has a similar meaning.

i) acceptable _____

ii) thin _____

iii) get angry _____

iv) trouble _____

- b) Write the meanings of the following colloquial (informal) words or phrases.
- i) you're cool _____
 - ii) downside _____
 - iii) dorky _____
- c) Who or what do the underlined words refer to in each of the following phrases? One has been done for you as an example.
- i) People do it to upset their parents. get pierced
 - ii) They'd have a cow. _____
 - iii) You're not allowed any in your nose. _____
 - iv) It can get infected. _____
- d) What class of words do "**they**", "**it**", and "**you**" belong to?
- (A) conjunction (B) pronoun (C) noun (D) adverb