

EIKEN 1st SPEAKING  
Lesson 3

Are moral values on the decline in today's society?

Use the table below to help the student organize his/ her reasons and supporting sentences.

TOPIC SENTENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ---Reason 1---	

2. ---Reason 2---	

3. ---Reason 3---	

## HOMEWORK

Choose the best transition word to complete the sentence.

and

but

too

1. David can swim \_\_\_\_\_ he can play the flute.
2. She can dance \_\_\_\_\_ she can't sing.
3. I can play the guitar and I can play the piano \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Tom and Julie can speak French \_\_\_\_\_ they can speak English too.
5. Dennis can read a comic \_\_\_\_\_ he can't watch TV.
6. Mike is tall \_\_\_\_\_ he can't play basketball.
7. Kelly can play rugby and Tracy can play rugby \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Paul can ski \_\_\_\_\_ he can't play tennis.
9. I can play baseball \_\_\_\_\_ football too.
10. Tony can't run \_\_\_\_\_ he can't jump.

## SAMPLE ANSWER

I believe that moral values are declining today. There are many reasons why this is true, but I would like to focus on three. **First**, thanks to the media, people are exposed to negative influences at earlier and earlier ages. On TV, viewers of all ages see numerous acts of cruelty and violence. On the Internet, pornography and scenes of violence are easily accessed by anyone, including children. Moreover, many young people have become so addicted to video games, web surfing and TV that they fail to develop themselves or consider their obligations to family and society. **Secondly**, many parents and teachers do not teach the importance of traditional values, such as showing respect to elders and honoring their family. Adults don't punish children for doing things they should not do, so children fail to learn to do what is right and become spoiled. **Finally**, most people have become too materialistic. They put their own materialistic needs ahead of more important things, such as moral or spiritual development. Despite the decline in moral values, I believe there is still hope for change. Recent disasters in Japan caused people to rethink their priorities. The disasters show us the importance of basic values, such as helping those in need.

## SAMPLE ANSWERS

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3. I can play the guitar and I can play the piano too
4. Tom and Julie can speak French and they can speak English too
5. Dennis can read a comic but he can't watch TV.
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