

## 2.2 – Video: Pros and cons

If you want to talk about something **in depth**, rather than only superficially, it's usually a good idea to **look at its positive as well as its negative aspects**. Almost **everything has good and bad sides**, and it normally makes sense to **investigate a subject from multiple perspectives**. Plus, this is a **great opportunity** for you to **demonstrate your language skills**.

The assessment scale that teachers use to grade your performance asks for “**clear, systematically developed descriptions and presentations**” and “**effective highlighting of significant points**”. Talking efficiently about pros and cons definitely falls into this category. To score high in this area, **use the right phrases in the right context**. You'll find lots of good phrases in the second chapter of the book.

For example, the task sheet might tell you to **justify your conviction that the advantages of smart homes outweigh the risks**. You could start by **naming a couple of drawbacks** and perhaps **explaining why they aren't really all that problematic**; and then you could move on to an **enthusiastic praise of the benefits** of smart homes.

You could say, “Some people argue that there are **grave disadvantages** to modern smart home technology. It's true that it can be **expensive** to transform your old home into a smart home if you buy all new appliances, devices, switches, and so on. However, these **investments will pay off pretty soon**, as you end up saving considerable amounts of energy year after year. Another aspect that potential customers might worry about is that **devices from different manufacturers might not get along**. Not every new gadget may be able to sync with every smart assistant or app. Yes, but if you do a bit of **planning** up front, chances are you'll be able to control everything from one place. And of course, there are countless experts to help you with that.

And sometimes, there are concerns about smart homes being **hacked**. Again, if you **keep your system up to date** and perhaps ask some **specialists** for a bit of advice with additional security measures, you will be on the safe side. And then you'll be able to **enjoy the enormous benefits that this new technology offers. To begin with, ...**”

And so on. Alright?

