

Answer Key

Reading Comprehension

- Analyze the tone of the letters: What feelings did the writers express? (e.g. happy, angry, sad, surprised, critical, etc.) Support your answers with the writers' words or ideas.
- Compare and contrast the views of the authors. Explain the differences.

[Answers may vary]

'Snoozing Students Losing'		Same(√) or different(X)	'Snoozing Students Made to Lose'	
Tone	Supporting Evidence		Supporting Evidence	Tone
<i>angry</i>	<i>"I am outraged by the number of students who often fall asleep in class..."</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>"I am so glad that Ms Green pointed out a serious problem..."</i>	<i>happy</i>
<i>angry</i>	<i>"I have never encountered behaviour more ridiculous..."</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>" - maybe principals too."</i>	<i>hopeful</i>
<i>questioning</i>	<i>"How can so many students be so sleep deprived?"</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>"...the problem is so bad that almost half the class was snoozing!"</i>	<i>surprised</i>
<i>critical</i>	<i>"what I find unacceptable is how the adults...condone such behaviour."</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>"I feel these teachers are not doing their jobs properly."</i>	<i>critical</i>
<i>critical</i>	<i>"The parents, too, are apathetic to this problem."</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>"Many teachers just stand there and talk, talk, talk the entire lesson."</i>	<i>critical</i>
<i>concerned/ determined</i>	<i>"I strongly suggest that all teachers make a better effort..."</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>"I share Ms Green's concern that the problem is becoming common..."</i>	<i>concerned</i>

Where do the views of the two writers agree? Where do they differ? What may be the reasons for the differences?

Tanya Green and Stephen Wong both agree that teachers are wrong to tolerate students sleeping in class. However, Tanya Green says that students stay up late chatting with friends on line, surfing the Internet and playing computer games. Stephen says that some students stay up late because they have a lot of homework and revision. This is probably because he is a student, whereas Tanya Green is a teacher.