

## Worksheet 2

# Body Image

## *Who and What Argument?*

The “speakers” in this debate have strong but quite different views. Let’s try and unpick (or analyse) the reasons they put forward to support their viewpoints.

NOTE: “Contention” means the main idea put forward by a speaker or writer – the key reason they give for arguing something. “Evidence” means the fact or argument they offer which (to them) “proves” that they are right in their opinion. “Loaded language” means words or phrases that carry a lot of emotional power.

**Task 1:** What do each of the following speakers argue about Beauty Pageants?

(a) What is his/her contention? (b) What is one piece of “evidence” offered to persuade the reader? (c) What is one example of “loaded language” he/she uses?

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**Task 2:** Take one of the speakers with whom you **disagree** strongly. Now, go through their argument and (A) explain why they are wrong; (B) explain what **you** believe about the subject, and why.