



Reading 51

*Read the following texts. Summarise in YOUR OWN words how different these two people's attitudes to the issue of protest are. Do not quote the text: a copied sequence of 4 words and more is considered a quotation. Your answer must amount to **55–60 words in total**.*

It might seem selfish, but if the airport does expand, it'll have a really negative effect on people who live nearby, like me. I mean, just think of the noise! Still, I wouldn't have felt strongly enough to actually go on the march myself - it was just that one of my friends talked me into keeping her company. Personally, I didn't believe anything we did would make a lot of difference, and I still don't - the government has already made up its mind. Anyway, I went. The actual arrangements left a bit to be desired, I have to say and some of the speeches went on a bit, but actually it was a good opportunity to make contacts with other people who are interested in protecting the environment.

Well, sometimes you just have to stand up for your principles, don't you? That's why I'm doing it. I mean, I wouldn't normally go on strike, because people depend on us - they expect us to respond promptly to every emergency call-out - and it's not fair if we let them down. But if that's the only way the government is going to sit up and take notice, so be it. The fact is that we just can't do our job properly unless there are adequate levels of investment - to pay for better vehicles and equipment and to attract more people to join the service. Without them, we just can't provide effective round-the-clock cover, not in this region anyway.

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Отличия:

- *doesn't usually join protests because doesn't believe in ordinary people changing things*
- *doesn't usually go on strike because people depend on him*
- *went on the march to keep his/her friend's company - went on strike to stand up for his/her principles*
- *protests against an environmental issue - protests for investing in the service*
- *shares his/her impressions of the march - doesn't share his/her impressions of the strike*
- *admits to being selfish - seems to be a selfless person*