

DISCUSSIONS

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'discussion'?
- 2) What's a healthy discussion?
- 3) Do you like taking part in discussions in English?
- 4) Do you ever get involved in pointless discussions?
- 5) Do you ever join discussion boards on the Internet? Are they good for your English?
- 6) How often do you take part in political discussions?
- 7) What are frank discussions, lively discussions, brief discussions and lengthy discussions? When was the last time you had each of these?
- 8) What kinds of discussions do you think are really boring?
- 9) Someone once said: "Discussion is an exchange of knowledge; argument is an exchange of ignorance." What does this mean? Do you agree?
- 10) A Chinese proverb says: "A single conversation across the table with a wise person is worth a month's study of books." Do you agree?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) Are you good at discussing things?
- 2) What are the differences between discussions, debates and conversations?
- 3) When was the last time you had a heated or animated discussion?
- 4) Do you like looking at discussions on TV between a panel of experts?
- 5) What are the big discussions in your country at the moment?
- 6) Would you like to take a course on how to do well in discussions?
- 7) Do you make a point of having the last word in a discussion?
- 8) Leon Trotsky said: "If we'd had more time for discussion, we would probably have made a great many more mistakes." Do you agree?
- 9) A Kenyan proverb says: "Having a good discussion is like having riches." Do you agree?
- 10) Did you like this discussion on discussions?

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