

FREEDOM OF SPEECH DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What is freedom of speech?
- 2) How does freedom of speech improve a society?
- 3) Should there be some limits on what we are free to say?
- 4) Should people be free to spread hatred, incite violence and ridicule others' religions and nations?
- 5) Is pure freedom of speech is undesirable in today's world?
- 6) Should you be free to tell an enemy your country's national secrets?
- 7) Some countries forbid school teachers from introducing subjects like homosexuality in their classes. Is this denying free speech?
- 8) Does the Internet open up the possibilities of totally free speech and freedom of expression?
- 9) Many countries censor websites to control what their citizens can and cannot see. Is this dangerous?
- 10) When do you have to be careful what you say?

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

- 1) Is freedom of speech important?
- 2) Does freedom of speech include spreading lies about people?
- 3) A Danish newspaper angered the world's Muslims by publishing cartoons of the Prophet Mohamed. Is this freedom of speech?
- 4) How important is freedom of the press?
- 5) "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." (Evelyn Beatrice Hall) Do you agree with this?
- 6) Are there things you'd love to talk or write about that you daren't?
- 7) Has freedom of speech suffered with the war on terrorism?
- 8) Do children and teenagers also have rights to freedom of speech?
- 9) What do you think "gripe sites" are?
- 10) Have you ever been told to be quiet?

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