

# PLAGIARISM DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What exactly is plagiarism?
- 2) Have you ever copied someone's words without saying whose words they were?
- 3) How bad is plagiarism?
- 4) How can we prevent plagiarism?
- 5) Teachers can easily Google search sentences they thing were copied. Is it foolish to copy?
- 6) Is plagiarism just innocent laziness?
- 7) Why do some countries think plagiarism is normal?
- 8) How would you feel if someone plagiarised your work?
- 9) Have you ever cheated in a test?
- 10) Someone once said: "If you steal from one author it's plagiarism; if you steal from many it's research." Do you agree?

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

- 1) Is plagiarism against your ethical values?
- 2) Is there any time when plagiarism might be OK (e.g. if you have tons of homework and no time to do it)?
- 3) Do you think it's difficult to know what is plagiarism and what isn't?
- 4) Do you think schools are universities are too strict when they expel students for plagiarism?
- 5) Can you plagiarize yourself?
- 6) Has cut and paste decreased creativity and original thought?
- 7) How would you feel in front of your teachers or colleagues if you were caught plagiarising?
- 8) Do you think plagiarism will be a bigger problem in the future?
- 9) Should all teachers put their students' homework, writing, essays, etc. through plagiarism software?
- 10) Someone one said: "Originality is undetected plagiarism." What does this mean, and do you agree?

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