

SWEATSHOPS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'sweatshop'?
- 2) What companies do you think use sweatshops?
- 3) Do you think there are sweatshops in your country?
- 4) Do you think companies do enough to make sure their products are not made by children in sweatshops?
- 5) Would you buy brand goods if you knew they were made in sweatshops?
- 6) What can the international community do to clamp down on sweatshops?
- 7) Would you talk to a sweatshop owner if you saw (s)he was using child labour?
- 8) Do sweatshops provide valuable employment to families who might otherwise have no income?
- 9) Have you seen any documentaries on TV about sweatshops?
- 10) If you had the power, would you shut down all of the world's sweatshops?

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

- 1) Sweatshop workers sometimes say working in a sweatshop is better than working on the land. What would you say to them?
- 2) Do you think there should be a legal minimum wage in every country?
- 3) Would you be prepared to pay higher prices for clothes if it meant all sweatshops were closed down, or conditions and pay in them greatly improved?
- 4) Some economists say sweatshops are a necessary step in moving poorer countries towards being a rich country. What do you think?
- 5) What questions would you like to ask a sweatshop owner?
- 6) What do you think of the word 'sweatshop'? Do you think it's descriptive?
- 7) Do you think there'll always be sweatshops or will they disappear in the future?
- 8) What do you think is the worst thing about sweatshops?
- 9) When did you first hear about sweatshops? What did you think?
- 10) Should sweatshop owners be put in prison?

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