

DILEMMAS

Objective: To encourage students to speak freely, share opinions and use the type of techniques you'd expect in lively debate e.g. interrupting

Materials: Use the sheets provided

Procedure

WARM UP: Go through the dilemmas questions with the students. Get them to give as many examples as possible and encourage them to talk about their own experiences.

ACTIVITY 1: Ask students to give you expressions that you would use in debate.

DISAGREEING

I'm sorry, I just don't agree with you

I think you're wrong **I disagree**

That's rubbish! *I can't believe you said that!*

How can you say that?

AGREEING

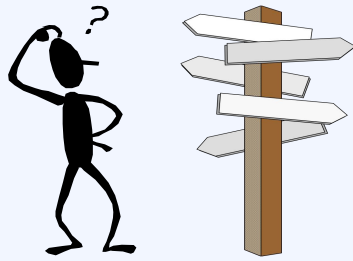
I absolutely agree *I'm with you on that one*

You're right!

Yes, I think so too

ACTIVITY 2:

Lay the flashcards face down on the table. Each flashcard has a dilemma. Ask the students to pick one, read it, then take turns to read out the dilemma to the class. First they should give their opinion. This should lead to natural debate, as not everyone will agree on what to do or would do the same thing in that situation.



DILEMMAS

1. What kind of dilemmas can you think of?
2. How would you define a dilemma?
3. Have you ever been in a dilemma? – How did it feel? – What was the outcome?
4. Do you often find yourself in dilemmas (serious or otherwise)?
5. Who do you turn to for advice?
6. Are you a good listener? – Do other people turn to you for advice?
7. Would you help a friend in trouble no matter what?

8. Is it best not to get involved in other people's problems?

9. Is it better to seek professional help to solve difficult problems or do you think that therapists, counsellors, psychologists etc. are a waste of time/money?

10. Would you consult a psychic or clairvoyant to help you with a problem?



You find a large sum of money on the street. Do you keep it or hand it into the police?



You see someone shoplifting in a supermarket. The person obviously looks poor. Do you do your duty as a law-abiding citizen or do you turn a blind eye?



You have finally met your soul mate but to be with him/her you have to move to another country, on the other side of the world. What would you do?



You've been offered the job of a lifetime but it means moving away from all your family and friends. What would you do?



Your fiancé has called the wedding off. Should you give back the big diamond ring?



Your friend confides in you and tells you that he/she is having an affair. What would you say/do?



Your friend, who is having an affair asks you to cover for them if their partner ever phones looking for them. Would you do this for a friend?



You have finally agreed to marry the man/woman of your dreams but they ask you to change your religion. Would you do this?



Your a woman with a successful career. Now your husband wants children and expects you to give up your career to stay at home when they're born. What a dilemma!



It's only a few weeks until your wedding and suddenly your partner drops a bombshell - he/she wants you to sign a prenuptial agreement. What would you do?