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1. Animals

Just a minute or two

Talk about the role of animals in your life

Let's discuss...

- If animals should be kept in cages or compounds
- How we would learn about animals without wildlife parks and zoos
- The idea that helping people is more important than saving endangered animals

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2. Appearance

Just a minute or two

Talk about how important your appearance is

Let's discuss...

- Why you think people have cosmetic surgery
- The disadvantages of trying to look like models or movie stars
- The view that people waste too much money trying to improve their appearance

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3. Architecture

Just a minute or two

Talk about a building you think is interesting

Let's discuss...

- Your preference for modern or older buildings
- Why you think there are more high-rise buildings today than in the past
- The suggestion that all houses should be the same

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4. At the cinema

Just a minute or two

Talk about a film you saw recently and enjoyed

Let's discuss...

- The advantages of seeing a film at the cinema rather than on DVD
- If it is appropriate for young people to see films that are meant for adults
- The idea that the cinema influences the behaviour of young people

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5. Being famous

Just a minute or two

Talk about how you would feel if you became famous

Let's discuss...

- Why you think some people become famous
- The advantages of being famous
- The suggestion that the media should respect the privacy of famous people

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6. Bullying

Just a minute or two

Talk about your experiences of bullying

Let's discuss...

- The different kinds of bullying and the effects they have
- What schools should do about bullying
- The view that cyber bullying should be dealt with by the police, not by schools

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7. Cars

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of cars in your family

Let's discuss...

- Your dream car
- What your country can do to reduce the number of car accidents
- The suggestion that cars are more dangerous than guns

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8. Charity

Just a minute or two

Talk about how your school raises money for charity

Let's discuss...

- Different ways people can help poorer members of their community
- Why some people don't like accepting charity
- The view that it is better to donate money than goods

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9. Childhood

Just a minute or two

Talk about memories of your childhood

Let's discuss...

- Who looked after you when you were very young
- The positive and negative influences on children these days
- The belief that children should be seen and not heard

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10. Competitions

Just a minute or two

Talk about a recent competition at your school

Let's discuss...

- Competitions that you have been involved in and how you felt
- Why some people think we should not allow children to compete
- The belief that taking part is more important than winning

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11. Danger!

Just a minute or two

Talk about a time when you found yourself in danger

Let's discuss...

- The dangers you could experience in your country
- As a young person, how you can protect yourself when you are out alone
- The suggestion that parents worry too much about possible dangers

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12. Decisions

Just a minute or two

Talk about an important decision you have had to make

Let's discuss...

- How you feel when you are forced to make an important decision "on the spot"
- Whether it is best to discuss important decisions with someone first
- The idea that we need to make mistakes so we can learn from them

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13. Discipline

Just a minute or two

Talk about a time you were disciplined by a parent or teacher

Let's discuss...

- Why we need rules and laws
- What should happen to people who break the rules
- The idea that we wouldn't need police if we all followed the rules

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14. Doctor, doctor!

Just a minute or two

Talk about a time when you were ill

Let's discuss...

- The qualities a person must possess to be a good doctor or nurse
- How medical advancement has improved the quality of our lives
- The idea that scientists should stop testing new medicines on animals

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15. Dream job

Just a minute or two

Talk about your dream job

Let's discuss...

- Your hopes for the future after your exams
- Job opportunities in your country
- The view that unemployed people are just too lazy to find a job

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16. Driving

Just a minute or two

Talk about how you feel about driving

Let's discuss...

- The age at which young people should be allowed to drive
- Traffic and driving problems in your country
- The suggestion that harsh punishments are needed to stop driving offences

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17. Environment

Just a minute or two

Talk about an aspect of the environment that interests you

Let's discuss...

- What you do every day to protect your environment
- The environmental issues in your country
- The suggestion that we need to change our lifestyles to protect the environment

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18. Exam stress!

Just a minute or two

Talk about the pressures of being an exam student

Let's discuss...

- Advice you have been given on how to manage exam stress
- Which subjects take the most time to prepare for and why
- The idea that exams should be abolished

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19. Family

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of your family

Let's discuss...

- The role of the extended family in your country
- How families have changed in recent years
- The suggestion that it is better to be part of a large family than be an only child

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20. Fear

Just a minute or two

Talk about what makes you feel afraid

Let's discuss...

- Strategies people use to deal with their fear
- Why so many people like horror films
- The idea that the media and film industry focus on horrifying situations too much

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21. Fitness

Just a minute or two

Talk about why health and fitness are so important

Let's discuss...

- Activities available in your area for young people to stay active
- The problems in your country with obesity and lack of fitness
- The idea that students should do Physical Education every day

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22. Food

Just a minute or two

Talk about your favourite foods

Let's discuss...

- Eating traditions in your family
- Celebrations in your country and the role food plays in these events
- The suggestion that we need to eat more local produce and stop importing processed food

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23. Friends

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of your friends

Let's discuss...

- The qualities of a good friend
- The importance of friends as opposed to family
- The idea that it is better to have many friends rather than one good friend

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24. Gender

Just a minute or two

Talk about the gender roles in your family

Let's discuss...

- If you are treated in the same way as members of the opposite gender
- The disadvantages of adults having different expectations of boys and girls
- The view that boys and girls are different because of the way they are brought up

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25. Generations

Just a minute or two

Talk about your family and the differences between the generations of family members

Let's discuss...

- Members of your family you admire
- What we can learn from members of the older generations
- The idea that you should show respect to people because they are older than you

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26. Healthy diet

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of a healthy diet

Let's discuss...

- What your school can do to improve young peoples' health and diets
- The problems associated with obesity
- The view that young people should make their own choices about what they eat

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27. Helping at home

Just a minute or two

Talk about things you do to help out around the home

Let's discuss...

- Why young people should contribute to the home and family life
- The negative effects of making teenagers do housework
- The idea that young people should be paid for the work they do in the home

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28. Heroes

Just a minute or two

Talk about someone you admire or look up to

Let's discuss...

- What makes someone a hero
- What problems can arise from trying to be like those famous people we idolise
- The view that most famous people are not really heroes

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29. History

Just a minute or two

Talk about a period of history that interests you

Let's discuss...

- An historical figure you would have liked to meet
- Why learning about history is so important
- The view that modern society can learn a lot from the past

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30. Hobbies

Just a minute or two

Talk about a hobby or activity that you enjoy

Let's discuss...

- Why having a hobby is good for a young person
- What skills a young person learns from having a hobby
- The view that students should study instead of wasting time with hobbies

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31. Holidays

Just a minute or two

Talk about a recent holiday you took

Let's discuss...

- Why holidays are so important
- Whether school students have too many holidays
- The idea that holidays should just be for relaxing, not for doing a lot of activities

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32. Inventions

Just a minute or two

Talk about the most important inventions

Let's discuss...

- Machines and devices you use every day
- Inventions which have had a negative impact on the world
- The view that we have become too dependent on machines

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33. Leaving home

Just a minute or two

Talk about where you think you will be and what you will be doing in 10 years time

Let's discuss...

- The advantages and disadvantages of leaving home
- Problems faced by people who are forced to leave their homes such as survivors of natural disasters or refugees
- The idea that governments should take responsibility to ensure that there are no homeless people

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34. Life on the beach

Just a minute or two

Talk about a time you visited the beach

Let's discuss...

- Activities which can be done at the beach
- The positives and negatives of spending time at the beach
- The view that beaches are important eco-systems and should not be used for recreation

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35. Losing it

Just a minute or two

Talk about a time when you lost something important to you

Let's discuss...

- An item that you couldn't live without
- Why our possessions are so important to us
- The idea that there are other things which are more important than possessions

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36. Makes you feel proud!

Just a minute or two

Talk about a time when you felt proud

Let's discuss...

- What makes you proud of your family and friends
- A time when you felt pride in your country)
- The belief that it is not good to be too proud of yourself

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37. Mind your language

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of being good at both Malay and English

Let's discuss...

- Problems you have faced while learning another language
- Why speaking more than one language is important
- The idea that there would be fewer problems around the world if everyone spoke the same language

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38. Mobile phones

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of your mobile phone

Let's discuss...

- Whether mobile phones are a nuisance at times
- The advantages and disadvantages of mobile technology
- The suggestion that students should be allowed to have mobile phones at school

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39. Money, money, money

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of having money in your life

Let's discuss...

- What you would do if you suddenly received \$1 million dollars
- People who do physically demanding jobs should be paid more than office workers
- The idea that having good health and friends is more important than being wealthy

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40. Music

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of music in your life

Let's discuss...

- A musical instrument you play or would like to play
- The problems with illegal downloads and piracy in your country
- The suggestion that many musicians are poor role models for teenagers

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41. National events

Just a minute or two

Talk about a national event that you have seen or participated in

Let's discuss...

- What national events your country should celebrate
- The importance of national events and having pride in your nation
- The view that too much pride in a nation can lead to conflict between countries

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42. Natural disasters

Just a minute or two

Talk about a natural disaster that you have heard about

Let's discuss...

- What you can do to help survivors of a natural disaster
- What effects natural disasters have
- The suggestion that all governments should contribute to a world-wide fund to help victims of natural disasters

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43. Overseas

Just a minute or two

Talk about a place you would like to visit overseas

Let's discuss...

- The differences between your own country and those you would like to visit
- The advantages and disadvantages of studying overseas
- The view that we don't need to travel overseas because we can see everything on the internet

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44. Parents

Just a minute or two

Talk about parents and their good qualities

Let's discuss...

- If you would like to be a parent
- The problems parents face
- The idea that being a parent is the most difficult job of all

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45. Peer pressure

Just a minute or two

Talk about a time when you were persuaded to do something you did not want to do

Let's discuss...

- Some ways young people put pressure on each other
- The dangers of peer pressure
- The idea that it is easier to "follow the crowd" rather than be an individual

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46. Photographs

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of photographs in your life

Let's discuss...

- When taking photographs could cause problems
- The possible problems we may face when sharing photographs on social networking sites such as Facebook
- The view that there should be no censorship of photographs in newspapers

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47. Pollution

Just a minute or two

Talk about pollution you see in your country

Let's discuss...

- Rubbish and how it affects your home country
- The problems with air pollution caused by cars and traffic
- The view that we must all take responsibility for reducing pollution

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48. Reading

Just a minute or two

Talk about the importance of reading in your life

Let's discuss...

- The best book you've ever read
- The challenges of reading in a second language
- The idea that books will eventually be replaced by technology

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49. Relax!

Just a minute or two

Talk about where you like to go to relax

Let's discuss...

- What makes you stressed
- The importance of relaxation and time alone
- The idea that young people are lazy and spend too much time relaxing

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50. School subjects

Just a minute or two

Talk about your favourite school subjects

Let's discuss...

- How the subjects you are studying will help you in your future life
- Why students find some subjects boring
- The view that you can learn more out of school than in school

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51. Self-improvement

Just a minute or two

Talk about what you would like to improve about yourself

Let's discuss...

- How you can learn new skills
- If there are any negative effects of self-improvement
- The idea that we can always improve ourselves

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52. Social networking

Just a minute or two

Talk about the role social networking plays, such as Facebook, Twitter or "chat" sites

Let's discuss...

- Why social networking sites are so popular today
- The potential dangers attached to such sites
- The idea that parents should control what their children view and post on the internet

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53. Space travel

Just a minute or two

Talk about whether you would travel to space if you had the opportunity

Let's discuss...

- Why people want to travel to space
- We should be looking for new ways to experience things on Earth, not exploring space
- The idea that space travel is just a waste of money

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54. Spare time

Just a minute or two

Talk about how you spend your free time

Let's discuss...

- The importance of relaxation time
- The facilities in your country for recreation
- The view that young people just waste their free time

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55. Special gifts

Just a minute or two

Talk about a special gift that you have received

Let's discuss...

- Whether giving or receiving gifts is more enjoyable
- If children today are spoilt and receive too many gifts
- The suggestion that money should be donated to charity rather than used to buy gifts

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56. Television

Just a minute or two

Talk about the role that television plays in your life

Let's discuss...

- The positive aspects of watching TV
- The dangers of watching too much television
- The view that parents should limit the amount of time their children spend watching television

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57. Tourism

Just a minute or two

Talk about the tourist attractions in your country

Let's discuss...

- How to improve your country's tourism
- The negative effects of tourism
- The view that tourists should learn the customs of the country they are going to visit

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58. Toys and games

Just a minute or two

Talk about the toys and games you had as a child

Let's discuss...

- The different games and toys for boys and girls
- How games and toys have changed in the last 10 years
- The belief that violent computer games cause violence

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59. Travelling

Just a minute or two

Talk about a journey you have taken

Let's discuss...

- The advantages and disadvantages of different types of transport
- The impact travelling of any kind has on the environment
- The view that all people should help save the environment by using public transport instead of owning cars

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60. Weather

Just a minute or two

Talk about the weather in your country

Let's discuss...

- How the weather affects our everyday lives
- Dangers associated with extremes of weather
- The view that scientists should try to change the weather

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