

Practice Speaking Topics 9 / CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS



With a friend or study partner, practise discussing the following questions

Should we do more to deal with the problem of domestic violence, or is the problem exaggerated?

We are becoming overwhelmingly dependent on computers. Is this dependence on computers a good thing or should we be more suspicious of their benefits?

Technology makes communication easier in today's world. Many people choose to work at home in front of a computer screen. What dangers does society face by depending on computer screens rather than face-to-face contact as the main means of communication? Are we prisoners of progress?

Should cigarette smoking be banned, just as heroin consumption has?

Should restrictions be placed on the use of mobile phones in public areas like restaurants and theatres?

Should the death penalty be mandatory for people that kill other people?

Should the "Right to Die" be considered a Right?

What are two sides of the death penalty? Is it a cruel murder or a just punishment? Can it be a deterrent to crime?

Should animal experimentation be permitted?

Forests are the lungs of the earth. Should the destruction of the rainforests be prohibited? How is it possible to protect forests?

Should there still be colleges and schools just for men/boys and some just for women/girls?

Should sex education be increased in schools in an attempt to curb problems such as teenage pregnancy?

Human beings do not need to eat meat in order to maintain good health because they can get all their food needs from meatless products and meatless substances. A vegetarian diet is as healthy as a diet containing meat. Argue for or against the opinion above.

What do you think about vegetarians? Are they people who care for animals and want to protect them or people lacking the adequate ration?

What are some of the best ways to welcome and then assimilate immigrants into American life? What are the pros and cons of each of these?

Advertising: Information or Manipulation?

To what extent has the traditional male role changed in the last 20 years?



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Education is an indivisible part of the prosperity of the nation. The more educated and cultured people there are in the country, the more flourishing and thrifty the country is. Comment on this issue.

Should society assume more responsibility for pregnant teenagers and the children they bear?

The mass media, including TV, radio, newspapers, have a great influence on people and especially on the younger generation. It plays an important role in shaping the opinions and positions of the younger generation. Argue for or against this statement.