

Articulate

Do this speaking activity in pairs.

Instructions

Working individually, students read their three topic sentences and study the vocabulary. They can look up any new words. Students take it in turn to read out a topic sentence from their sheet. Their partner responds and tries to talk for five minutes on that topic. The “interviewer” listens for keywords found in the list below each topic. Every time he or she hears one of these keywords, it is ticked off. For every keyword used, one point is awarded. At the end of the five minutes, the “interviewer” gives his opinion on the topic, incorporating the remaining words in the list that his partner did not use. Allow about two minutes for this. This procedure is repeated until all the topics have been talked about.

Student A

1. “Some women presenters [at the BBC] earn much less than their male colleagues and have protested.” (page 71)

national broadcaster / programmes / channels / money / overpaid / equality / un(equal) pay / gender discrimination / gender inequality / salaries / gender issue

2. “Jahangir says that internet access has had a big impact on society in Pakistan.” (page 26)

new technology / youth / social media / platforms / online / population / numbers / adept at / problems / digital

3. “Mom passed away recently. She was 97, and death at that age isn’t exactly unexpected.” (page 46)

doctor / painlessly / gravestone / obituary / eyesight / independent / (to) live / life / memories / died

Student B

1. “Music is something that should bring people joy, and using social media is a fantastic way of doing that.” (page 44)

audience / fans / musicians / singers / Facebook / videos / followers / concert / performers / composer

2. “Most people become long-sighted as they grow older.” (page 48)

prescription / optometrist / optician / glasses / contact lenses / reading glasses / bifocals / varifocals / short-sighted / eyes

3. “The feeling of freedom you have out on the water [while stand-up paddling] is amazing.” (page 54)

weather forecast / wetsuit / (to) fall in / hire boards / paddle / (to) keep your balance / inflatable boards / all-rounders / life jacket / lake