

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Due Date: _____

Introduction and Objectives

Welcome to the Thoughtful Speaking Homework Sheet! This worksheet is designed to help advanced ESL learners aged 30 practice their speaking skills on random topics. By the end of this worksheet, you will be able to:

- Engage in meaningful conversations on a range of topics
- Use vocabulary and language structures learned in class
- Develop your critical thinking and problem-solving skills

Vocabulary Building

Match the following vocabulary words with their definitions:

1. Perspective
2. Counterargument
3. Credibility
4. Bias
5. Assumption

Definitions:

1. a) A point of view or attitude
2. b) An argument that opposes or challenges a main argument
3. c) The quality of being trustworthy or believable
4. d) A prejudice or partiality that influences judgment or decision-making
5. e) A statement or idea that is taken for granted

Discussion Questions

Choose one of the following topics and discuss it with a partner or in a small group:

1. The impact of social media on relationships
2. The benefits and drawbacks of a vegan diet
3. The importance of cultural diversity in the workplace

Use the vocabulary and language structures learned in class to express your thoughts and opinions.

Role-Play

Imagine you are in a job interview. Your partner will play the role of the interviewer, and you will play the role of the interviewee. Use the vocabulary and language structures learned in class to answer the interviewer's questions and ask your own questions.

Debate

Choose one of the following topics and prepare a debate:

1. Should schools prioritize STEM education over the arts?
2. Is climate change a major threat to our planet?
3. Should governments prioritize economic growth over environmental protection?

Use the vocabulary and language structures learned in class to argue for or against the topic.

Reflective Journaling

Write a reflective journal entry on one of the topics discussed in class. Use the vocabulary and language structures learned in class to express your thoughts and opinions.

Listening Comprehension

Listen to a podcast or audio recording on a topic related to the lesson. Take notes on the main points and summarize the recording in your own words.

Grammar Practice

Complete the following sentences using the correct grammar and vocabulary:

1. If I _____ (have) more time, I would travel more.
2. By the time I _____ (finish) my homework, it was midnight.
3. If it _____ (rain), we will cancel the picnic.

Idiomatic Expressions

Match the following idiomatic expressions with their meanings:

1. Break a leg
2. Cost an arm and a leg
3. Beat around the bush

Meanings:

1. a) To wish someone good luck
2. b) To be very expensive
3. c) To avoid talking directly or clearly about something

Conclusion and Self-Assessment

Congratulations on completing the Thoughtful Speaking Homework Sheet! Reflect on your learning and assess your progress. What did you learn? What challenges did you face? What do you need to work on?

Use the following self-assessment rubric to evaluate your performance:

- Fluency and coherence: _____
- Vocabulary and grammar: _____
- Critical thinking and problem-solving: _____
- Communication strategies: _____