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Thoughtful Speaking: Enhancing Fluency and Vocabulary

Introduction

This worksheet is designed to improve the speaking skills of advanced ESL students aged 14, focusing on thoughtful and fluent communication on a variety of random topics. The key learning objectives include enhancing vocabulary, promoting critical thinking, and encouraging effective communication strategies.

Vocabulary Building

Match the vocabulary words with their definitions:

1. Debate: _____
2. Argument: _____
3. Counterargument: _____
4. Evidence: _____
5. Claim: _____

Discussion Starters

Choose a discussion starter and write a short paragraph in response:

1. What do you think is the most pressing environmental issue facing our planet?

2. How can we reduce our carbon footprint?

3. What are the benefits and drawbacks of social media?

Role-Play Activity

Imagine you are in a job interview. Write a short script for a conversation between you and the interviewer:

1. Introduce yourself and explain why you are interested in the job.

2. Answer a question about your strengths and weaknesses.

3. Ask a question about the company or position.

Listening and Responding

Read the following passage and answer the questions:

"The importance of recycling cannot be overstated. Recycling helps to conserve natural resources, reduce landfill waste, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. However, many people do not recycle because they do not understand the benefits or do not have access to recycling facilities."

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

2. What are some benefits of recycling?

3. What is a potential drawback of recycling?

Critical Thinking

Evaluate the following argument:

"Schools should start later in the morning because teenagers need more sleep. Research has shown that teenagers who get more sleep perform better in school and have better mental health."

1. What is the claim?

2. What is the evidence?

3. What are some potential counterarguments?

Group Discussion

Choose a topic and write a short script for a group discussion:

1. Should schools prioritize STEM education over the arts?

2. Is social media beneficial or harmful?

3. What are the benefits and drawbacks of standardized testing?

Reflective Journaling

Write a reflective journal entry on your learning experience:

1. What did you learn about thoughtful speaking and vocabulary?

2. What challenges did you face during the activities?

3. What would you do differently in the future?

Self-Assessment

Evaluate your own speaking skills and identify areas for improvement:

1. What are your strengths and weaknesses in speaking?

2. What strategies can you use to improve your speaking skills?

3. What are your goals for future improvement?

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing the worksheet! Remember to practice your thoughtful speaking skills regularly and to continue building your vocabulary and critical thinking abilities. Good luck!