

Seminar Discussion

- 1) You are going to take part in a seminar discussion. Work in groups and select one of the statements on education to discuss.
 - a. Students in higher education should be required to learn a foreign language.
 - b. Having a university education is necessary for a person's success in life.
 - c. With the rise of modern technologies people should be able to understand these technologies and know how to use them.

- 2) Work alone and prepare for the discussion. Note down your views on the selected statement using the following headings.
 - a. Topic and focus
 - b. Your view
 - c. Main arguments for
 - d. Main arguments against
 - e. Examples and reasons
 - f. Conclusions

- 3) Work in groups and discuss your selected statement. Use the following stages to help you.
 - a. Express your main points
 - b. Get reactions
 - c. Allow others to make their points
 - d. Listen and respond

- 4) Select one person from your group to take notes of the main points from your discussion and then present them to the class.

- 5) Expanding notes into sentences: look at your notes from the previous exercise. Can you expand them into sentences?

Preparing to Present Information

- 1) You will be given a short text. Read the text and take down notes. Focus on important information in each paragraph.

- 2) Work in pairs and prepare a short presentation (a few minutes) on one of the two texts. Be sure you deliver the important information in each text accurately. If you are listening to a presentation, take notes.

- 3) Compare the two presentations. Do you agree or disagree?

- 4) Look back to your notes. Were they useful in preparing the presentation? Why/why not?