

# NEWS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What images spring to mind when you hear the word 'news'?
- 2) Do you think news is usually happy or sad?
- 3) How important is keeping up to date with the news to you?
- 4) Do you prefer to watch, listen to or read about news?
- 5) What areas of the world are you most interested in?
- 6) What kinds of stories hit the headlines in your local newspaper?
- 7) What are your favourite sections of the newspaper?
- 8) What was the last piece of good news you heard?
- 9) What news story are you following at the moment?
- 10) Do you trust everything you read, see or hear on the news?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) What is news? What makes something news?
- 2) What do you understand by the phrase, "No news is good news"?
- 3) Would you like to work as a newscaster or a news reporter?
- 4) What is your favourite news programme?
- 5) What's the best satellite news station, BBC, CNN, other?
- 6) What do you think of news stations being under state control?
- 7) What's the most tragic news you've seen on TV?
- 8) Is news and propaganda the same thing in some countries?
- 9) Do you think news programmes should include Hollywood/celebrity stories and gossip?
- 10) Do you think news reporting in your country is fair and balanced? How about in other countries?

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