

# BURMA CYCLONE DISCUSSION

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

- 1) Where were you when you first heard the news of the Burma Cyclone?
- 2) Have you made a donation to help the people affected by the disaster?
- 3) What do you think of the initial response from the Burmese government and its actions now?
- 4) What do you think life is like for those in the cyclone-affected areas?
- 5) What lasting images do you have from Burma's cyclone what you have seen on TV, the Internet or in newspapers?
- 6) What do you think of the international response to the cyclone?
- 7) How would you compare how authorities have dealt with this natural disaster to how China's leaders reacted after the earthquake?
- 8) What do you think can be done to prevent the loss of life in cyclones?
- 9) Why do you think it's always the poorest who suffer in disasters like cyclones?
- 10) Have you followed this news story a lot?

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

- 1) What's the latest news you've heard about the cyclone victims?
- 2) Many news agencies have reported the Burmese generals are only interested in their image and not the victims. What do you think?
- 3) What do you think those working for the aid agencies think about being kept waiting outside Burma?
- 4) What do you think of UN General Secretary Ban Ki-moon's efforts?
- 5) What do you know about cyclones and the differences between them and hurricanes and typhoons?
- 6) How do you think the Burmese in the Irawaddy Delta will ever be able to rebuild their lives?
- 7) Do you think the Burmese people will now get rid of the generals?
- 8) Has your opinion of Burma changed in any way following the cyclone?
- 9) What questions would you like to ask the Burmese generals?
- 10) Tourists, but not aid workers, could get visas after the cyclone hit. What do you think of this?

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