

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the words 'financial crisis'?
- 2) Why is the world in a financial crisis?
- 3) What is happening that makes the situation a crisis?
- 4) How badly hit is your country by the crisis?
- 5) US President George W. Bush says he has the tools to fix the crisis. What do you think of this?
- 6) Are you affected by the global financial crisis?
- 7) How much worse do you think things will get?
- 8) How does this crisis compare with the stock market falls after 9-11 or the crash in 1987?
- 9) What's the best way out of a crisis?
- 10) Who's to blame?

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

- 1) Do you like following the news on the global financial crisis?
- 2) What does the crisis say about capitalism?
- 3) After America's insurance giant AIG was rescued with taxpayers money, the company's executives responded to the crisis by spending hundreds of thousands of dollars at a spa resort in California. Should they be fired?
- 4) Will the crisis have a knock-on effect for poor countries who rely on foreign aid?
- 5) How can governments suddenly spend hundreds of billions of dollars on this crisis but cannot spend the money on basic social services?
- 6) Why can't governments act together on a single rescue plan?
- 7) Do you think America will lose power because of this crisis?
- 8) Are you interested in news of the global financial crisis?
- 9) What questions would you like to ask the world's economists?
- 10) What will happen if the world economy goes into a depression?

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