

ALPHABET DISCUSSION

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

- 1) Are there twenty six letters in the alphabet of your language?
- 2) Does your language have an alphabet?
- 3) What are the differences between the English alphabet and your language's writing system?
- 4) What is the most frequently used letter of the alphabet?
- 5) Which letters of the alphabet do you not like or have problems with?
- 6) Do you think English spelling is confusing?
- 7) Are the letters of the alphabet pronounced the same in British, American, Australian, Nigerian ... English?
- 8) Did you have any problems learning the letters of the alphabet?
- 9) What is the difference between consonants and vowels?
- 10) What is the International Phonetic Alphabet?

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

- 1) Do you like the English alphabet?
- 2) How did you learn the alphabet?
- 3) What do you think of other alphabets (Russian, Greek, Arabic, Hebrew, Sanskrit, etc.)?
- 4) Who invented the English alphabet?
- 5) Why do you think each letter has so many different pronunciations and uses?
- 6) How do you think the alphabet could be made easier to use and understand?
- 7) Would you like to learn a character-based system like Chinese?
- 8) When is the best age to introduce children to the alphabet?
- 9) What is alphabet soup?
- 10) What does "the ABCs of" mean?

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