

GOSSIP DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What is gossip?
- 2) Have you ever been the victim of gossip?
- 3) Are you a gossip?
- 4) How often do you hear gossip?
- 5) Are you interested in celebrity gossip?
- 6) Do you like to know all the gossip about your friends and neighbours?
- 7) Who is the biggest gossip you know?
- 8) How quickly does gossip spread in your school / workplace?
- 9) What are the most common subjects of gossip?
- 10) Is there any gossip about your teacher?

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

- 1) Why do people gossip or like gossip?
- 2) Have you ever started any gossip?
- 3) Do you read gossip columns in magazines? Why are these so popular?
- 4) Do you think it's right that gossip columnists can make a lot of money writing bad things about people that may not be true?
- 5) What is the most malicious piece of gossip you've ever heard?
- 6) How do you feel if people gossip about you?
- 7) What's the difference between gossip and a rumour?
- 8) Eleanor Roosevelt said: "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." Is this true?
- 9) Why do you think gossip is sometimes 'hot' and sometimes 'juicy'?
- 10) Do you think people who gossip lead sad lives?

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