

PRESENT PERFECT DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What do you know about the present perfect in English?
- 2) What are the different functions of the present perfect?
- 3) If a student wanted you to explain the present perfect to them, what would you tell them?
- 4) What are your biggest problems with the present perfect?
- 5) What's the difference between 'Have you ever...' and 'Do you ever...'?
- 6) Can you think of a more helpful or useful name for the present perfect than 'the present perfect'?
- 7) Does your teacher put a timeline on the board to help explain the present perfect? Is this useful?
- 8) What's the difference between the present perfect and the past simple?
- 9) Teachers often talk about 'unfinished time' when teaching the present perfect. Do you understand this?
- 10) What is your favourite present perfect question?

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

- 1) What do you think when your teacher tells you you're going to do a lesson on the present perfect?
- 2) What does the 'present' and the 'perfect' mean in the present perfect?
- 3) Is there anything similar to the present perfect in your language?
- 4) How is the present perfect formed (questions, negatives and statements)?
- 5) Can you remember a good or a bad present perfect lesson?
- 6) What's the difference between 'Have you ever...' and 'Have you...' How does the word 'ever' change the question?
- 7) Do you think there's a big difference between 'gone' and 'been'?
- 8) What would English be like without the present perfect?
- 9) What three adjectives would you use to describe the present perfect? Why these three adjectives?
- 10) What's the difference between the present perfect and the perfect present?

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