

MINING DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What images spring to mind when you hear the word 'mining'?
- 2) Why is mining important?
- 3) What do you know about the history of mining?
- 4) Is there much mining in your country?
- 5) Do you think mining damages the environment?
- 6) How long can mining continue before the Earth is destroyed?
- 7) Would you like to work in mining?
- 8) Do you think miners are paid well?
- 9) Why is mining considered to be one of the most stressful jobs?
- 10) Do you think we'll start mining the Moon and Mars one day?

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

- 1) What do you know about mining?
- 2) Why are there so many mining accidents in China and Russia?
- 3) Do you think mining can ever be environmentally friendly?
- 4) Do you think mining companies should be allowed to make billions of dollars from the Earth's natural resources?
- 5) What different types of mining do you know about?
- 6) What kinds of headlines and stories might be in a newspaper called "Mining News"?
- 7) Would you like to be a miner for a day and see what mining is like?
- 8) What dangers are there in mining?
- 9) If the decision was yours, would you ban mining around the world?
- 10) What questions would you like to ask a mining executive?

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