

# U.S. FINANCIAL CRISIS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What do you think of the U.S. financial crisis?
- 2) How serious do you think the crisis is?
- 3) What do you know about the causes behind this crisis?
- 4) What has most surprised you about this crisis?
- 5) Do you think the politicians are doing a good job of dealing with the crisis?
- 6) Top managers at the banks that collapsed received multi-million dollar bonuses. What do you think about this?
- 7) The \$700 billion bailout represents around \$2,500 for every man, woman and child in the USA. What do you think of this?
- 8) Do you think America will no longer be able to spend as much on aid to poor countries and fighting wars?
- 9) What do you think ordinary Americans are thinking now?
- 10) Did greed play a part in the financial collapse?

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

- 1) What's the latest news you've heard about the financial crisis?
- 2) Does the financial crisis mean capitalism doesn't work?
- 3) Should the US Government be bailing out failed financial institutions?
- 4) When America sneezes, the world catches a cold. Has your country felt the knock-on effects of the financial crisis?
- 5) Do you think the crisis will improve or worsen?
- 6) Is your money safe?
- 7) What is the sub prime mortgage crisis talked about on the news?
- 8) Do you think George W. Bush needs to shoulder some blame for the crisis?
- 9) What questions would you like to ask the U.S. Treasury Secretary?
- 10) Do you think America's economy will ever be as strong again?

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