

LIPSTICK, PIGS & POLITICS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What do you think of the expression "lipstick on a pig", as used by Obama when he said: "You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig"?
- 2) Do you think pigs might be offended by Obama's comment?
- 3) Do you think Obama was talking about Sarah Palin when he used the "lipstick on a pig" expression?
- 4) Sarah Palin said the only difference between hockey moms and bull terriers was lipstick. Should she be in trouble with hockey moms?
- 5) Do you think the Republicans were wrong to accuse Obama of sexism?
- 6) Is it really necessary for women to wear lipstick?
- 7) What colour lipstick would look best on a pig?
- 8) What cosmetics should McCain wear when he's on TV?
- 9) If you were a lipstick manufacturer, how could you make money from the "lipstick on a pig" story?
- 10) What would happen in your country if a politician made a comment similar to Obama's?

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

- 1) John McCain used the expression "lipstick on a pig" a few months ago but didn't get in trouble. Why did Obama get in trouble?
- 2) Do you think there are too many personal attacks in politics?
- 3) Did you see Obama's response to the claims he was making sexist comments? What did you think?
- 4) Do you think the Republicans attacked Obama because they have little else to offer the American public?
- 5) Are politicians in your country nice to each other at election time?
- 6) Do you think it's OK for men to wear lipstick?
- 7) Do you think Sarah Palin will get nasty and attack Barack Obama?
- 8) Is the word "pig" used in good or bad expressions in your language?
- 9) Do you think Obama's comment hurt his campaign?
- 10) How would you use the expression "lipstick on a pig" in your life?

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