

# THE LISBON TREATY DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What do you know about the Lisbon Treaty?
- 2) When was the first time you heard about the Lisbon Treaty?
- 3) Do you think Europe is in crisis over the Lisbon Treaty?
- 4) Why do you think the Irish people said no to the Lisbon Treaty when other European countries said yes?
- 5) Do you think the people of every EU country should vote on the Lisbon Treaty in a referendum?
- 6) What do you think European leaders thought of the Irish 'No' vote?
- 7) Is the European Union a good idea?
- 8) The Lisbon Treaty was/is all about reform. What reforms are needed in the EU?
- 9) What do you think China, Russia, the USA... think about the EU since the Irish 'No' vote on the Lisbon Treaty?
- 10) Have you followed this news story a lot?

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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 Lisbon Treaty?
- 2) What is the future of the Lisbon Treaty?
- 3) EU leaders are talking about ratifying the Lisbon Treaty even though Ireland said no. How can they do this when they need all 27 EU countries to say yes?
- 4) What do you think President Sarkozy will do now France holds the EU presidency (until Dec 31, 2008)?
- 5) How much do you understand about the Lisbon Treaty or any other agreement, treaty, law, directive... that comes out of Brussels?
- 6) Does the EU need a constitution? Was/Is the Lisbon Treaty a constitution?
- 7) Should the EU ask Ireland to leave?
- 8) Do you congratulate the Irish for exercising their democracy?
- 9) Is Ireland voting no and holding up/killing the Lisbon Treaty a good example of democracy in action?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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