## MICHAEL PHELPS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) Is Michael Phelps the greatest ever Olympian?
- 2) What do you think of Michael Phelps?
- 3) Do you think Michael Phelps's record of eight golds at a single Olympics will ever be broken?
- 4) Did you want Michael Phelps to break the record for the most number of golds won at an Olympics?
- Has Michael Phelps won more gold medals in Beijing than your country? What do you think of this?
- 6) Do you think Michael Phelps should compete at the Olympics in 2012?
- 7) Would you rather win eight swimming golds or eight athletics golds? Which is more difficult?
- 8) Why do you think Michael Phelps is much better than other swimmers?
- 9) What questions would you like to ask Michael Phelps?
- 10) How should the USA honour Michael Phelps when he returns home?

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

- 1) Is Michael Phelps's achievement better than that of any sportsman or sportswoman in history?
- 2) What do you think Michael Phelps's training schedule is like?
- 3) How do you think Michael Phelps's life will change after winning eight Olympic gold medals?
- 4) What do you think of people who say winning eight swimming golds is easier than winning eight athletics golds?
- Do you think Michael Phelps's achievement is the highlight of the 2008 Beijing Olympics?
- 6) What job would best suit Michael Phelps after he finishes with competitive swimming?
- 7) The swimwear manufacturer Speedo promised Michael Phelps \$1 million if he got eight golds. Do you think he deserves the money?
- 8) Do you think it's right that Michael Phelps gets much less money than superstars from golf, tennis, football, basketball, cricket...?
- 9) Do you think Australia's Ian Thorpe could have beaten Michael Phelps if he had competed at the Beijing Olympics?
- 10) Would you like to meet Michael Phelps?