

OIL PRICES DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the term 'oil prices'?
- 2) Do you worry at all about the price of oil?
- 3) What do you think the oil men and women are doing with their huge, huge, astronomical profits?
- 4) How have increases in the price of oil affected your life?
- 5) Do you understand why oil prices keep rising?
- 6) How would the global economy deal with oil at \$200 a barrel?
- 7) Do you support the truck drivers who are going on strike over higher fuel charges?
- 8) Do you think higher oil prices are a threat to a country's stability?
- 9) Some analysts say it's the weak dollar, some say it's speculators, while others say it's supply and demand. Why can't they agree?
- 10) What do you think of the fact that the price of oil has doubled in a year?

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

- 1) Do you think oil companies have a duty to lower oil prices at the pumps instead of raking in enormous profits?
- 2) Do you think the increasing oil prices will make us all poorer for a long time to come?
- 3) What is your government doing to help people cope with higher oil prices?
- 4) Is it a good time to buy shares in oil companies?
- 5) When will oil prices come back down to Earth?
- 6) At what price for petrol / gasoline would you abandon your car (or public transport) and get on your bike?
- 7) What three adjectives would you use to describe current oil prices?
- 8) Who do you blame for the rising price of oil?
- 9) What questions would you like to ask the heads of OPEC?
- 10) Do you follow the news stories on the rising price of oil?

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