

# PARALYMPICS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) Are you interested in the Paralympics?
- 2) Do you think Oscar Pistorius or Natalie Du Toit will be the star of the Paralympics?
- 3) Do you think the Paralympics deserve as much TV coverage as the Olympics?
- 4) Why do you think Britain is second in the medals table?
- 5) Do you think Paralympians work harder at their sport than Olympians?
- 6) Beijing halted all construction work for the Olympics to reduce pollution, but not for the Paralympics. Is this right?
- 7) What do you know about the history of the Paralympics?
- 8) Do you want your country to win more Paralympics or Olympics medals?
- 9) Should athletes be allowed to compete in both the Paralympics and the Olympics, like Natalie Du Toit did in Beijing?
- 10) Do you think the Paralympics and Olympics should be held together with medals from both games being combined in an overall medals table?

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

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Paralympics'?
- 2) Does your country put a lot of money into Paralympics sport?
- 3) Do you think a Paralympian feels differently about winning a gold medal than an Olympian?
- 4) Do you think sponsors like Nike should give Paralympians and Olympians the same amount of money?
- 5) Do you think there is a different spirit among Paralympians and Olympians?
- 6) If a Paralympian and an Olympian break the record for winning the most gold medals, which should history remember as the best athlete?
- 7) Should a government give equal funding to Paralympians and Olympians?
- 8) How are Paralympians and Olympians different?
- 9) What questions would you like to ask a Paralympian?
- 10) Why are the Paralympics called the Paralympics?

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