

SILENCE DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What comes to mind when you hear the word 'silence'?
- 2) When are the best times for silence?
- 3) There is a famous Simon and Garfunkel song called Sound of Silence. What is the sound of silence?
- 4) When does silence worry you?
- 5) Would you like life and the world to be more silent?
- 6) Is silence golden? Why do you think English has this expression? If it isn't golden, what colour is it?
- 7) We sometimes see the expression "the silence was deafening" – How can this be?
- 8) How often do you experience awkward silences when you are talking to someone?
- 9) Henry David Thoreau said: "Tragedy begins, not when there is misunderstanding about words, but when silence is not understood." Do you agree?
- 10) Dante said: "Silence is boring." Do you agree?

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

- 1) Do you like silence?
- 2) When does silence make you happy?
- 3) When is it that you are really in complete and utter silence?
- 4) How much silence is there in your life?
- 5) Do you ever wish people would put their mobiles (and mouths) on silent?
- 6) Have you experienced a situation when there was deadly silence?
- 7) What do you think of the moment of silence to remember the dead?
- 8) What do you think of governments who try to silence people?
- 9) Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Do you agree?
- 10) Jibo said: "Silence says more than words ever could." Do you agree?

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