

Conversation questions: EDUCATION

Level

Intermediate

Skills practiced

Speaking on education. Vocabulary on this topic.

Time

20 minutes.

Preparation

Print out a set of cards. There should be at least one set per small group (around three or four students).

How it works

This activity can be used before a debate on this topic.

Give each small group a set of cards. Tell them to put the cards on the table facing downwards. They'll have to take it into turns to pick up one of the cards and talk about the topic on it for at least three minutes.

Then there can be a whole-class discussion.

<p>Should rich people be permitted to buy educational advantages by sending their children to private schools or should all schools be run by the state?</p> <p>Did/ Do you go to a state school or a private one? Which do you prefer?</p>	<p>Is it difficult for people without a college education to get good jobs where you live?</p> <p>Does education guarantee a good job?</p>
<p>What do you think of home-schooling?</p> <p>Do parents home-school their children in Spain? Do you know anyone who was home-schooled?</p>	<p>Would you prefer to send your child to a mixed or single sex school? Why?</p>
<p>Which system do you favour for measuring students' progress - final examinations or continuous assessment? Why? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each method?</p>	<p>What are the major characteristics you think a teacher should have?</p>
<p>What are/were some of the rules you have/had to follow at your high school? Are/Were you allowed to eat food in the classroom?</p> <p>Which rules do you think are/were unfair?</p> <p>Have you ever broken/ Did you ever break any school rules?</p>	<p>Why are you studying a foreign language?</p>