

ESOL Skills for Life (QCF) – Level 2 Speaking and Listening sample prompts

Role plays

1. You work in a factory, and you are not happy with your working hours and conditions. I am your manager.
2. Your colleague uses your computer when you are not in the office. You are not happy about this. I am your colleague.
3. You and your colleague are working together on a project and your colleague is very disorganised. I am your colleague.
4. You have been given £400 to improve the staffroom at work. Your colleague wants to use the money to buy a TV but you disagree. I am your colleague.
5. You have started a new job but you don't think you have had enough training. I am your manager.
6. You share an office at work with a colleague and you are not happy because he/she is very untidy. I am your colleague.
7. Two weeks ago you asked your manager for a new chair, as yours is very uncomfortable. You have still not heard anything. I am your manager.
8. Your colleague often borrows equipment from your desk, but does not return it. I am your colleague.

Group discussions

1. Some people think children should not have televisions in their bedrooms. Discuss whether you agree and suggest how parents can control what their children watch on television.
2. We depend on modern technology in our work, homes and free time. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this, and suggest solutions to any problems you can see.
3. More than half the world's population now live in cities. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this, and suggest solutions to any problems you can see.
4. Employers are complaining that some school and university programmes focus too much on theory and not enough on practical skills. Discuss whether you agree, and suggest solutions to the problem.
5. People in the public eye are not always the best role models for children. Discuss how far you agree, and suggest solutions to the problem.
6. Some people think that it is important for governments to invest money in space exploration. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this, and suggest solutions to any problems you can see.
7. Some people believe we are reading less and less these days. Discuss how far you agree with this and suggest solutions to any problems that you think this may cause.
8. Many people do not dispose of their rubbish in a responsible way. Discuss how far you agree with this and suggest some solutions to the problem.