

Activity 5: Group discussion

Level:
Entry 1

Time:
45 minutes

Resources:
✓ Audio/visual recording device

Aims:

- ✓ To develop skills and knowledge in speaking and listening at Entry 1
- ✓ To raise awareness of the format of Component 2 Task 3
- ✓ To focus on the features of a successful discussion

Sub-skill focus: active listening skills

Exam task focus: Component 2 Task 3

Procedure: Group discussion

- Ask the group: *What makes a good discussion?*
- Feedback: Write up ideas from the class:
Examples:
 - ✓ Everyone speaks and is included
 - ✓ People share their ideas and opinions
 - ✓ Everyone shows they are listening.
- Ask the group: *How does everyone show they are listening?*
Elicit:
 - ✓ with body language
 - ✓ by responding
 - ✓ by agreeing
 - ✓ by disagreeing
 - ✓ by asking questions
- Give the learners a topic to discuss for 4 minutes. If needed give a further topic to discuss. If a learner doesn't contribute enough, create opportunities for them to do so.
- If learners are comfortable, their group discussion could be filmed/recorded so the learners can watch and talk together about what went well and any possible improvements e.g. asking each other further questions about their contributions, turn-taking, offering different ideas