

## Course Syllabus Conversation Assistant Lessons

Semester 1			
Date	Lesson	Group*	Content
02/10/08	5	A2	Issue 1: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
03/10/08	6	A1	Issue 1: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
09/10/08	8	A2	Issue 1: Group & Class Discussion
10/10/08	9	A1	Issue 1: Group & Class Discussion
16/10/08	11	A2	Issue 1: Class debate
17/10/08	12	A1	Issue 1: Class debate
23/10/08	14	A2	Issue 2: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
24/10/08	15	A1	Issue 2: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
30/10/08	17	A1/A2	Issue 2: Group & Class Discussion
31/10/08	18	A2/A1	Issue 2: Group & Class Discussion
06/11/08	20	A2	Issue 2: Class debate
07/11/08	21	A1	Issue 2: Class debate
13/11/08	23	A2	Issue 3: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
14/11/08	24	A1	Issue 3: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
20/11/08	26	A2	Issue 3: Group & Class Discussion
21/11/08	27	A1	Issue 3: Group & Class Discussion
27/11/08	29	A2	Issue 3: Class debate
28/11/08	30	A1	Issue 3: Class debate
04/12/08	32	A2	Interview 1
05/12/08	33	A1	Interview 1
11/12/08	35	A2	Interview 1
12/12/08	36	A1	Interview 1

### **Christmas Break (20/12/08 – 06/01/09)**

08/01/09	41	A2	Issue 4: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
09/01/09	42	A1	Issue 4: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
15/01/09	44	A2	Issue 4: Group & Class discussion
16/01/09	45	A1	Issue 4: Group & Class discussion

### **Exam Break (17/01/09 – 15/02/09)**

Semester 2			
Date	Lesson	Group*	Content
19/02/09	47	A2	Issue 5: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
20/02/09	48	A1	Issue 5: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
26/02/09	50	A2	Issue 5: Group & Class Discussion
27/02/09	51	A1	Issue 5: Group & Class Discussion
05/03/09	53	A2	Issue 5: Class debate
06/03/09	54	A1	Issue 5: Class debate
12/03/09	56	A2	Issue 6: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
13/03/09	57	A1	Issue 6: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
26/03/09	60	A2	Issue 6: Group & Class Discussion
27/03/09	61	A1	Issue 6: Group & Class Discussion
02/04/09	63	A2	Issue 6: Class debate
03/04/09	64	A1	Issue 6: Class debate

**Spring Break (04/04/09 – 19/04/09)**

23/04/09	66	A2	Issue 7: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
24/04/09	67	A1	Issue 7: Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm
07/05/09	71	A2	Issue 7: Group & Class Discussion
08/05/09	72	A1	Issue 7: Group & Class Discussion
14/05/09	74	A2	Interview 2
15/05/09	75	A1	Interview 2
21/05/09	77	A2	Interview 2
22/05/09	78	A1	Interview 2
28/05/09	80	A2	Review of Issues 1-7
29/05/09	81	A1	Review of Issues 1-7

**Issues 1 and 2: MEDICAL, HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

Issue 1 – Dieting, anorexia, bulimia, obesity // Food labelling & food prices // Burn out, depression // Physician-assisted suicide/Euthanasia

- Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm: Touch the above topics briefly for vocabulary and ideas for group and class discussion. Each group chooses a topic of their liking for "Group & Class discussion"
- Group & class discussion: ...
- Class debate: *We all have the right to live, and thus also the right to die. Euthanasia should be legalized altogether.*

Issue 2 - Health care system: public or private? // Passive smoking, tobacco industry, ban on public smoking // Plastic surgery

- Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm: Touch the above topics briefly for vocabulary and ideas for group and class discussion. Each group chooses a topic of their liking for "Group & Class discussion"
- Group & class discussion: ...
- Class debate: *Public vs private health care.*

#### **Issues 3 and 4: EDUCATION AND SCIENCE**

Issue 3 - Bilingual education // Intercultural education // Religion at school // School violence // Home schooling

- Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm: Touch the above topics briefly for vocabulary and ideas for group and class discussion. Each group chooses a topic of their liking for "Group & Class discussion"
- Group & class discussion: ...
- Class debate: *Home schooling vs mainstream schooling*

Issue 4 - Tuition fees // Elite & Second-rate universities // Education reform

- Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm: Touch the above topics briefly for vocabulary and ideas for group and class discussion. Each group chooses a topic of their liking for "Group & Class discussion"
- Group & class discussion: ...
- Class debate: *Exams should be eliminated altogether and students should be assessed only on coursework.*

#### **Issues 5 and 6: PARENTING**

Issue 5 - Teenage parents // Birth control and abortion // Divorce // Teaching discipline to your kids

- Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm: Touch the above topics briefly for vocabulary and ideas for group and class discussion. Each group chooses a topic of their liking for "Group & Class discussion"
- Group & class discussion: ...
- Class debate: *Because you get to choose them, friends are more important than family in many ways.*

Issue 6 - Birth order // Adoption (national / international) // Parental responsibility for child behavior // Children and technology

- Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm: Touch the above topics briefly for vocabulary and ideas for group and class discussion. Each group chooses a topic of their liking for "Group & Class discussion"
- Group & class discussion: ...
- Class debate: *Same sex couples should not be allowed to adopt children.*

#### **Issue 7: LAW AND ORDER**

Capital Punishment // Corporal Punishment // Criminal Justice System // Drunk Driving // Hate Crime // Intellectual Property and Piracy // Youth Violence // Terrorism // Sexual harassment at the workplace

- Vocabulary & Idea Brainstorm: Touch the above topics briefly for vocabulary and ideas for group and class discussion. Each group chooses a topic of their liking for "Group & Class discussion"
- Group & class discussion: ...
- Class debate: *Rapists and terrorists should be sentenced to death.*