

## Discussion cards 4

How many friends do you have?	How often do you meet your friends?	How well do you know your friends?
Do you often phone your friends?	How much do you trust your friends?	Would you lend money to your friend? Why?
Would you visit a friend in hospital? Why?	What is friendship to you?	What qualities does a good friend need to have?
Is friendship natural or do we have to learn it?	What do you look for in a friend? / What makes a good friend?	Are you a good friend? Why? Why not?
What are you willing to do for your friend?	Is friendship more important than honesty? Why?	Would you do your friend's homework? Why?
Would you lie for your friend if they asked you to? Why?	Would you give unpleasant advice to your friend if necessary?	'Nobody knows you when you're down and out.' - what does it mean?
Is it possible for rich and famous people to have good friends? Why?	Is friendship more important than marriage? Why?	How did you meet your best friend?
Are good friends hard to find? Why?	Can people of different gender be good friends? Why?	Can people from different generations be good friends? Why?

Is money more important than friendship? Why?	What are the best inventions in the world?	What things help us most in our life?
How have we progressed since 100 years ago?	What are some side effects of progress?	What do you know about Industrial Revolution?
How many natural resources can you name?	What is happening to the world's resources?	What does it mean that science has put men on the moon?
How many sources of renewable energy can you name?	Is progress always good? Why?	Could you live without computers, cameras, telephones etc.?
What do you think the world will look like in 50 years?	What are the advantages and disadvantages of progress?	Do you know any stories about inventions? What can we learn about life from inventors?
Is the world a better place than it was 50 years ago? Why?	Will the world be a better place in 50 years? Why?	Can progress get rid of poverty and hunger in poor countries? Why?
Have the TV and the Internet improved our quality of life? Why?	How can renewable energy improve our lives?	How can our quality of life be improved in the future?
Do you think science and technology can solve every problem in the world? How?	Has Digital Revolution destroyed tradition?	Does progress have too many side effects?

Can people in poor countries share our progress? Why?	Who is your favourite movie star?	What is your favourite day of the week?
What is your favourite season?	What is your favourite story? (Real or imaginary)	What is your favourite music genre?
What is your favourite Internet site?	Have your favourites changed over the past few years?	Do you like to have the same favourites as everybody else?
Have you ever seen a car accident? Describe it.	What are the advantages of using cars?	What are the disadvantages of using cars?
Is there a lot of traffic near your home?	Has the amount of traffic changed in the last few years?	Will there be more or less private cars on the roads in the future?
What can the governments do about the traffic problem?	Are there too many cars on the roads? Why?	What can be done with too many cars on the roads?
Do you think cars should be banned from the city centres?	How can the number of traffic accidents be reduced?	How can traffic jams be reduced?
How can public transport be improved to encourage people to use it?	What do you think of car-pooling?	What will the transport in the future be like?

Is it OK to build new roads on farming land or woodland?	What's your favourite documentary?	How many world film festivals do you know?
What do you know about Bollywood?	Do you watch films from all over the world?	Why are American films so popular?
What do you think about Polish film industry?	What is your favourite movie genre?	What do you think of Hollywood films?
Are films a form of art or just entertainment?	Is it OK to download films from the internet?	Do you think film stars earn too much money?
Would you like to be an actor? Why?	Would you rather be an actor or a film director?	Do you think some films are too violent?
Should film directors be free to include anything they want in their film?	Can you give advice to your friends?	Can you listen to advice from your friends?
Is it easy to give or get advice?	How do you get to school?	Do you think you study English hard enough? Why?
Do you think you get enough sleep before school/work? Why?	Do you often ask teachers for help? Why?	Why are teenage years difficult?

What sort of emotional problems do teenagers have to deal with?	Why do teenagers feel bad about parental control?	What can happen when teenagers do not have self-esteem?
How can parents help adolescent children?	Do you parents or friends understand you?	Do you understand your parents or friends?
What advice would you give to your parents/friends/partner?	What advice would you give to future generations?	Who are the members of your family?
How do you usually solve problems in your family?	Do you think people shouldn't give advice unless asked to do so?	Do you think we should give advice to other people even if it is unpleasant?
Why do people get married?	Why do people get divorced?	What is the best way to find a lifelong partner?
Do you agree with the idea of arranged marriages?	When is it OK to start dating?	Should the boy/man be older than the girl/woman in a relationship? Why?
Is it OK if a girl/woman invites a boy/man on a date?	Should the boy/man always pay on a date? Or should they go Dutch? Why?	Is it OK to marry or date someone from another culture? Why?
Is it OK for people of different religions to date? Why?	What do you think of 'one-sided love'?	Do you believe in love at first sight? Why?

Do you believe in matchmaking? Why?	Would you go to a fortune teller to help you find a partner? Why?	Would you let your parents choose your husband/wife?
Do agree that only love matters in marriage? Why?	Do you think high school students should date? Why?	Do you think online dating is dangerous? Why?
Where do you find out news?	Do you watch TV news? Why?	Why do people need news?
Why is the news always about bad things?	Do you believe everything you see on the news? Why?	What's your favourite news media? Why?
What are the advantages and disadvantages of new media?	Do you agree with 'freedom of press'? Why?	Which news media do you find the most reliable?
Should everyone know about current events? Why?	Should news media be censored by the government?	What is special about Polish culture?
Do you think people should learn about the manners of other countries before they visit them?	What manners should foreigners be aware of before visiting Poland?	How many traditional Polish cultural customs can you think of?
How is Polish culture different from other European countries?	What are some examples of Culture shock you can think of?	Do you think we are losing our cultural identity?

How can people deal with Culture Shock?	Why is Internet shopping becoming more and more popular these days?	What do you think of Internet shopping?
How often do you visit online shopping sites?	Do you check prices on different sites before you buy a product?	How can you protect your computer?
What are the advantages and disadvantages of Internet shopping?	Do you think people are addicted to Internet shopping these days?	Do you think Internet shopping encourages people to get into debt?
Is the Internet improving our standard of living? How	Have you ever had a spyware, a worm or a virus o your computer?	What is a phishing e-mail? How can you recognize it?
How should hackers or Internet criminals be punished?	Does online shopping make people buy products they don't need? Why?	Why do some people decide to study abroad?
What are the advantages of studying abroad?	What are the disadvantages of studying abroad?	Which university would you choose if you went abroad?
Is studying abroad only for people from rich families? Why?	Is it necessary to go abroad to study English? Why?	What do you think of English Villages?
Do you think overseas studying changes people? Why?	What is pollution?	How many types of pollution are there?

How is pollution affecting our lives?	Why can't we see so many stars in the sky these days?	What is acid rain and why is it dangerous?
What are the main causes of pollution?	What do you know about global warming and why is it dangerous?	How can one person make a difference to world pollution?
How can we reduce the number of cars on the roads?	How can we reduce the use of fossil fuels?	Would you rather live in a polluted city or in a clean countryside? Why?
What can the governments do to reduce pollution?	Would you be willing to pay a pollution tax?	What do you do to fight pollution?
What is a carbon footprint?	How many artists can you think of?	Who is your favourite artist?
How are humans different from other species?	What is the most popular form of entertainment these days?	How does creativity help us?
How can art, dance and music therapy help people?	Why is art often ignored at school?	What do you think of modern forms of art?
Describe your favourite concert you've watched or been to.	Do you think science is more important than art? Why?	Do you play computer games? Why?



How often do you use a computer? What for?	Do you play games on your mobile phone? Why?	Do you ever fall asleep at school/work? Why?
Do you ever NOT do your homework? Why?	Do your grades/Does your work ever get worse? Why?	Do you ever lie about playing computer games?
Do you ever play computer games/watch TV instead of seeing friends? Why?	Do you take part in school clubs or sports? Why?	Are you irritable when away from the computer? Why?
Do you ever have sleeping problems? Why?	Do you ever skip meals? Why?	Are many people addicted to computers or mobile phones? Why?
What are some physical symptoms of addictions?	How can addictions be cured?	What are the good points of playing computer games?
What are the bad points of playing computer games?	Do you think computer games are too violent? Do they teach that killing is OK?	Are there any educational computer games?
Do you pay attention to food pyramid when planning your meals?	Do you know any food idioms? What do they mean?	What sort of people suffer from food disorders?
What problems can obesity lead to?	How are TV ads for junk food unrealistic?	What is the best way to lose weight and stay healthy?

What healthy foods do you eat?	Do you have regular exercise? Why?	What is your favourite food?
What do you think of organic food?	What do you think about genetically modified food (GM)?	What do you think of vegetarians?
Why do people become vegetarians?	What do you think about dieting?	What makes a healthy and balanced diet?
Is it wrong to kill animals for food? Why?	Is going on a diet unhealthy and dangerous?	Should TV ads for junk food be banned? Why?
'You are what you eat.' - do you agree?	What are proverbs?	How proverbs help us in life?
Do you know any Polish or English proverbs?	Are proverbs similar in different countries?	Most proverbs were made by our ancestors. Are they still true in modern life?
What does it mean 'One thing you can't recycle is wasted time'?	What does it mean 'If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.'?	What words would you put on a T-shirt designed by you?
Do films have 'morals'? Do they contain lessons for us?	Can we learn the culture of a country through its proverbs? How?	How is modern life different from 100 years ago?

How are our lives different from 10 years ago?	How will our lives be different in 10 years' time?	How has the quality of life improved?
What are some of the problems of modern life?	What are the advantages and disadvantages of progress?	How is your life different from the life of your parents?
What do you like about the modern world?	What don't you like about the modern world?	Do you think the quality of life will be better in 50 years?
How can we deal with global warming?	Could you live without electricity?	What is the biggest problem in the world today?
If you could travel back in time, which year would you choose to visit?	If you were Secretary General of the United Nations what would you ask wealthy countries to do? Why?	If you were Secretary General of the United Nations, how would you help developing countries?
Do you agree that city life is better than life in the country? Why?	Do you think our grandchildren will experience a much better world?	Are global issues getting more and more severe? Why?
What is self-confidence?	How can we gain self-confidence?	Why do language learners need self-confidence?
Do you believe in yourself? Why?	Someone once said that preparation is the key to self-confidence, do you agree?	Why are so many people lacking in self-esteem?

Have you ever read any self-help books? Why?	What is the difference between confidence and arrogance?	Do you think psychiatrists or therapists can help people who lack self-esteem?
If you could be happy, wealthy, successful or confident, which one would you choose?	If you could be sincere, diligent, generous or confident, which one would you choose?	Do you think some people are born successful and some are not?
Can you easily understand native speakers of English?	Why are many languages disappearing?	If you could speak any language, which one would you choose?
Should English be a second official language in Poland? Why?	Should any other language be taught at schools instead of English?	Should all students have to learn more than one foreign language at school?
What is the best way to learn a language?	Are bilingual teachers better than native speakers of English?	Do you think Polish parents should speak in English to their children?
Why do you think The Olympic Village is called the Global Village?	Should mixing of races be banned? Why?	How can the Global Village make the world a better place?
What are the advantages of globalization?	What are the disadvantages of globalization?	Is it possible to keep one's national identity in times of globalization?
Do you think globalization will make national borders to disappear?	How does globalization affect national identities?	Is Poland losing its uniqueness? How?

Are we becoming the  
same due to  
globalization?

Do you think people in  
Poland take on too much  
American values?