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TARJETA A	
Topic	ENVIRONMENT
Sub-topic	Protecting the planet

- Look at the card and read the two opinions in the speech bubbles.
- Choose **one** and think how you can convey and expand on its main ideas.
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Los grupos de presión, ¿tienen un papel importante?







Opinión 1

Los grupos de presión tienen un papel importante porque conciencian al público sobre el impacto de proyectos polémicos como, por ejemplo, la construcción de viviendas y carreteras, el fracking y los alimentos transgénicos.

Opinión 2

Los activistas que se manifiestan contra cualquier nuevo proyecto son enemigos del progreso. Sólo les interesa protestar y provocar disturbios.



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TARJETA B	
Topic	THE MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Sub-topic	Racism

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¿Soy racista porque prefiero estar con gente como yo?







Opinión 1

¿Es racismo no querer vivir con gente extranjera? Es normal sentirse más cómodo con personas que comparten nuestra propia cultura.

Opinión 2

En el fondo los seres humanos somos todos iguales y podemos vivir en armonía. No importan la raza, el color, la cultura ni la religión de nuestros vecinos.



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TARJETA C	
Topic	CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES
Sub-topic	Impact of scientific and technological progress

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¿Se debe legalizar la eutanasia?





Opinión 1

La eutanasia es un crimen y las personas que ayudan a otra persona a morir deben ser castigadas.

Opinión 2

Ayudar a un enfermo o discapacitado que quiere poner fin a su vida es un acto de compasión. Debemos respetar el derecho a optar por una muerte digna.



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TARJETA D	
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Sub-topic	Pollution

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¿Son necesarios los trenes de alta velocidad?







Opinión 1

Los trenes de alta velocidad no son necesarios. Son demasiado costosos y perjudiciales para el medio ambiente.

Opinión 2

Es vital modernizar nuestro sistema de transporte ferroviario. Los trenes de alta velocidad son el futuro.



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Sub-topic	Immigration

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¿Necesitamos más inmigrantes?







Opinión 1

Cuando un país sufre una crisis económica, es el momento de poner fin a toda la inmigración y pensar en la población nativa.

Opinión 2

Siempre necesitaremos inmigrantes: mejoran la economía de muchas maneras.



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Topic	CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES
Sub-topic	Wealth and Poverty

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¿Hay pobreza en todo el mundo?





Opinión 1

Sólo los que viven en países donde falta comida y agua limpia entienden lo que es la verdadera pobreza.

Opinión 2

En los países occidentales desarrollados también existe la pobreza.