

Part 3 Discussion Bank

Two-way discussion — abstract questions thematically linked to Part 2. 4–5 minutes.

Learning & skills

- 1 Why do you think some skills are harder to learn as an adult?
- 2 Should schools focus more on practical skills or academic knowledge?
- 3 How has the way people learn new skills changed in recent years?
- 4 Do you think everyone should keep learning throughout their lives?

Technology & society

- 1 In what ways has technology changed how people communicate?
- 2 Are there any disadvantages to relying on technology so much?
- 3 Do you think future generations will use technology differently?
- 4 Should there be limits on how children use technology?

Community & helping others

- 1 Why do some people volunteer their time to help others?
- 2 Is it the responsibility of governments or individuals to help those in need?
- 3 How can communities encourage people to support one another?
- 4 Do you think people today are less connected to their neighbours than before?

Travel & culture

- 1 What can people learn from travelling to other countries?
- 2 Does tourism do more good or harm to local communities?
- 3 Why is it important to preserve a country's traditions?
- 4 Do you think the world is becoming too similar from place to place?

Pair work: Student A asks, Student B answers; swap after each set. Time each turn with the on-screen stopwatch in the matching handout. These are practice prompts in IELTS format — original to ALC, not retired exam questions.