

COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY:

Choose a number, any number! (Covid-19 safe)

Aim: to practise giving opinions, paraphrasing, attentive listening, praising, asking questions and boosting social skills

Classroom dynamics: small groups

Time taken: 15-20 minutes

Setup: Each teammate receives a set of eight question cards and each team receives a set of useful phrases to be used while expressing their opinions.

Encourage your students to use the phrases as often as possible.

Procedure:

- Student #1 holds their handout with 8 topic questions and says: "Choose a number, any number!". The rest of teammates keep their handouts face down.
- Student #2 chooses a number, takes his/her set of questions, reads the question according to the number he/she has just chosen aloud and allows 5 seconds of think time.
- Student #3 answers the question trying to use **useful phrases**.
- Student #4 paraphrases the thinking that went into the answer.
- Students rotate roles, one person clockwise for each new round so that every teammate has a chance to have all the roles.
- If there are more students in a team than 5, assign other roles, e.g. students may praise, add their opinion, ask an additional question to a teammate he/she wishes.

Roles:

Student #1	CHOOSE A NUMBER, ANY NUMBER
Student #2	READ
Student #3	ANSWER
Student #4	PARAPHRASE

Topic cards:

<p>1. Artificial Intelligence may lead to unemployment as robots will take over most of the jobs.</p>	<p>2. Robots or machines will take over the world as predicted in science fiction books and movies.</p>
<p>3. The AI learning adventure provides an even more accessible and engaging entry to engineering.</p>	<p>4. New developments will make machines as intelligent as humans.</p>
<p>5. AI tools such as translators and voice assistants make communication easier and more effective.</p>	<p>6. Robots will make our everyday life easier.</p>
<p>7. In the light of advancing AI, we have no choice but to take care of youth's social skills.</p>	<p>8. AI contributes to the rise of fake news on the Internet.</p>

Useful phrases:

I agree up to a point.	I have no doubt that ...
I'm certain that ...	That's not always the case.
I'm afraid I disagree.	I strongly believe that ...
Everyone knows that ...	That's not really how I see it.