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Group Discussions for Advanced Students

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INTRODUCTION

These activities have been designed for advanced ESL students. No matter how good or complete the content of your textbook or curriculum may be, there will always be a need to fill in the gaps in knowledge and skills your students were assumed to have learned.

These activities have been designed to

- encourage group interaction and discussion
- increase individual student's speaking time during class
- expand students' use of new vocabulary and expressions
- review and understand already-taught materials in a new way
- keep their minds active and engaged
- learn new words and phrases in context
- make inferences, evaluate choices, and draw conclusions
- refresh and help retain grammar points and vocabulary they have already been exposed to

Making the Flash Cards

- Some of the activities will require you to make double-sided photocopies. This may take a little effort, but once you have the cards, you will have a popular group activity that will last you many years. Card stock is recommended, but regular paper is fine.
- When photocopying, place the sheets containing the questions followed by the sheets containing the answers. For example, **Sheet 1A** should be followed by the **Sheet 1B**, etc After you have made the two-sided photocopies, cut the sheets along the dotted line to form cards. Place them in a small envelope for easy access and store them for future use.

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