

**Your teacher Presentations and discussion**  
**Inside Out Upper Intermediate Unit 12 (Student)**

*Your partner is going to speak for between 2 and 4 minutes about one of their teachers. As they speak, tick off the topics that they speak about.*

- ◇ Name
- ◇ Gender (= sex)
- ◇ Position
- ◇ Age (at that time or now)
- ◇ Period they taught your partner
- ◇ Period they were in that job or school
- ◇ What they looked like
- ◇ What they were like, inc. character (= personality)
- ◇ Who they were like (i.e. similarities and differences to other teachers or other people- real or fictional)
- ◇ Clothes
- ◇ Possessions
- ◇ How well they taught
- ◇ How they taught
- ◇ Other jobs that they might have been good at
- ◇ Relationship with your partner and other people
- ◇ Rules they imposed
- ◇ Punishments and other classroom control techniques they used
- ◇ Knowledge of their subject
- ◇ Interests
- ◇ Personal history
- ◇ Popularity
- ◇ Good points and bad points
- ◇ Ticks and bad habits
- ◇ Things they often said or did
- ◇ Favourite topics
- ◇ Memorable things they said
- ◇ Things they said about your partner
- ◇ What things they said turned out to be true or not
- ◇ How they have influenced/ will influence your partner's future

*After they finish speaking, asking them questions about any topics they didn't speak about.*

**Useful language**

"Oh sorry, didn't I mention that? (...)"

"I had meant to talk about that. (...)"

"That's a good question. (...)"

"That's connected to what I said about..."

"I didn't really notice"

"That's not the kind of thing that stands out when you are a kid"

"I'm going to talk about the teacher who I remember best/ who influenced me most/ the first teacher who popped into my head"

## Discussion questions

*If you haven't discussed the last four points on the checklist above, discuss them now. Then move onto these questions:*

- Do teachers in your country tend to predict or give advice on people's future careers? What do they tend to say?
- What kind of advice and other comments would be most useful for a child or his or her parents to hear from a teacher?
- What positive and negative impacts could comments like this have on a child's future? What other things a teacher does could influence children's future?
- How well is it possible to predict a child's future from their personality, behaviour and performance at school?

*You are going to read three people's experiences of teachers predicting and giving advice on their future. What did they say, and what effect did it have?*

*What future tenses are in the texts? How are they similar and different in structure and meaning?*

*Make your own predictions about the future of education in your country. Does your partner agree with your predictions?*

*Possible topics:*

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PE

University entrance tests

Streaming

Student loans/ student debt

The proportion of students going to university

Truancy

Violence against teachers

Corporal punishment

Use of technology in classrooms (Interactive Whiteboards etc)

Robot teachers

School hours

Cost of education/ tuition fees

Mature students

Foreign students

Financial support for students

Cram schools

Old school tie (connections)

Oxbridge/ Ivy League universities

MBA

Rote learning

Continuous assessment

Being put down a year

Single sex schools/ co-ed

Cheating

SAT scores

*What kind of advice should parents give their children?*