Headlines vocabulary extended speaking and test each other
turn taking/ classroom questions/ checking clarifying/ news and current affairs

Talk about a topic below as much as you can. Your partner will try to politely interrupt and take over the topic, with you trying to politely stop them or take the turn back afterwards. Continue until you have both run out of things to say, then take turns doing the same.

- Good and bad reasons for being acquitted
- Advantages and disadvantages of aid for developing countries
- Things that should be axed
- Policies of the present government which you back
- Arguments for and against an Olympics bid
- What to do if there was a blast outside this building
- What to do if there was a blaze downstairs
- Good reasons for boycotting companies and countries
- Scientific breakthroughs which would have a big impact on our lives
- Your experiences of being a bystander during a crime or accident
- Ways to tell if a politician's claims are false
- Clashes with your parents
- Activities in this place which should be cracked down on
- Common actions in the street which should be curbed
- How to successfully deny an accusation
- The best comic duo
- What you would do if you were the envoy to North Korea
- The biggest problems which this countries faces
- The best way to flee this city if there was a radioactive cloud
- Your forecasts for the economy
- What you'd do if you headed this university
- Arguments for and against a tax hike
- Arguments for and against legalizing marihuana
- Suitable punishments for maiming someone
- How to take advantage of any lull in tensions with North Korea
- Obstacles to better relations with China
- Reasons why university entrance exams can be described as an ordeal
- The best way to oversee teachers
- Things you'd like to poll your classmates about
- Arguments for and against nuclear power proceeding
- Things that you have vowed to do
- Things that you have scores of
- Ways in which this country is slipping behind
- Crimes you would spare people prison for
- Public roles you would and wouldn't stand for
- Things you've been stunned by
- Household strife
- Things you suspect your neighbours of
- Arguments for and against direct talks with North Korea
- Threats to the future of this city

Ask your teacher about meaning, spelling, pronunciation, differences, examples, syllables, stress and kinds of word of the words above. Then brainstorm those kinds of questions.

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Compare the questions you brainstormed to this list:

- What does… mean?
- How do you spell…?
- How do you pronounce this word?
- How many syllables does… have?
- What's the difference between… and…?
- Is there another way to say…?
- Can you give me an example sentence with… in it?
- Which syllable of… is stressed?
- What kind of word is…? (noun, verb, adjective, etc)

Test each other on the underlined vocabulary on the last page, then on the words below.

1. charge (n/ v)
2. cite (v)
3. demand (n/ v)
4. drama (n)
5. eye (v)
6. forecast (n/ v)
7. hearing (n)
8. imminent (adj)
9. ink (v)
10. launch (n/ v)
11. loom (v)
12. pen (v)
13. plea (n)/ plead (v)
14. plot (n/ v)
15. probe (n/ v)
16. propose (v)
17. protest (n/ v)
18. quake (n)
19. riddle (n)
20. rock (v)
21. rumour (n/ v)
22. safeguard (n/ v)
23. seek (v)
24. sentence (n/ v)
25. slam (v)
26. stand (for…) (v)
27. stand trial (v + n)
28. standoff (n)
29. step up (v)
30. suspect (n/ v)
31. target (n/ v)
32. unrest (n)
33. urge (v)

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