



Topic 1

TASK I: TALKING ABOUT A TOPIC

In this first task you are going to give a short talk on a topic. You should talk about only 3 or 4 of the points suggested. The talk should last from 3 to 4 minutes. When the teacher signals you to stop, you should bring your talk to a conclusion.

At the end of your talk your companion will comment briefly on something you have said.

You should not interrupt your companion during his / her talk, but at the end of your companion's talk you should also make a brief comment.

TOPIC 1: BRINGING UP CHILDREN

Raising a child is one of the hardest, most responsible and satisfying tasks a human being can face. It is also the job for which people receive the least formal training. Each person's knowledge of how to bring up a child usually comes from their surroundings and their own upbringing.

- Working parents spend less time with the children.
- Substitute parents: TV, baby-sitters, grandparents, etc.
- Who is to blame for children's bad behaviour, their parents or teachers?
- Generational differences (parents and grandparents).
- Let them do what they want or put your foot down.
- Are parents afraid to be strict with their children or are they afraid of them?
- Being a parent is a 24-hour job.
- Are there no pleasures in being a parent?

