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Topic 4

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 4: RELATIONSHIPS

Misunderstandings, differing viewpoints, broken relationships and other ills make man's life a string of successive hardships. How difficult is it to get on with others nowadays? Does everyone know how to handle difficult situations and how to get along with others who see things differently?

- Is age an obstacle in our relationship with others?
- · The family unit, school mates, work colleagues.
- Our experience in school and the outside world.
- · When I was a child things were different.
- Personal development and social relationship books are becoming best-sellers.
- · 'A friend in need is a friend indeed.'
- What models do we have to follow, politicians, footballers, celebrities, etc.?
- What do the sayings 'An Englishman's home is his castle' and 'Good fences make good neighbours' suggest?