



Topic 13

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 13: THE CONSUMER SOCIETY

Is shopping our favourite pastime? Consumerism is the belief that it is good to buy and use a lot of goods and services.

'You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy.' (Eric Hoffer, an American writer)

'Oh, for the good old days when people would stop Christmas shopping when they ran out of money.' (Author Unknown)

- The influence of advertising campaigns?
- Sales - a bargain or a waste of money?
- Christmas, Valentine's day, etc. - tradition or commercial exploitation?
- Our present consumerism will lead to dramatic changes in future life on Earth.
- Our western society consumes, but what about the third world?
- Consumers have moral choices.
- Are you an anti-consumer?
- Everybody has the right to have their holiday home on the beach. Do you agree?

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