

### Student A

- Do you like school in general? What's your favourite thing about it?
- At what age do children start school were you live?
- · Is there easy access to public schools in your community?
- Can you find public libraries or internet cafés in your neigbourhood?
- In your opinion, are schools paying enough attention to subjects such as PE (Physical Education) or Arts these days? Why do you think so?
- Who is (was) your favourite subject at school? What about your favourite teacher? Why did you like them?
- · What extra curricular activities are best for kids? Why do you think so?
- What advantages or disadvantages does homework have?
- Do you think being a teacher is easy?
- Is university education free in your country? If not, how much does it cost?

## Student B

- Did you enjoy going to school when you were a child? Why (not)?
- Is Elementary eduaction public in your community?
- Do children get free books, supplies, and/or lunches at school in your country?
- At what age do children learn to read and write? Do you remember how old you were when you learned?
- Do children usually study English at Elementary levels in your country? How many hours a day do they get?
- What new subjects should be introduced to school curriculums?
- Should children get after-school homework?Why (not)?
- What do you think makes a good teacher?
- Do you think it's easier to teach children, teenagers, or adults? Why?
- Do you think teachers should be better paid?

# EDUCATION DISCUSSION UPPER INTERMEDIATE



# Student A

- How did COVID-19 pandemic affect education in different levels?
- What are some pros and cons of online education?
- Do you think some pepople would prefer to remain in online classes over on-site ones? Why (not)?
- Should children be placed in groups by age or by ability?
- Do you think people expect schools to parent their children for them these days?
- What are the biggest issues education faces nowadays?
- Do you think too many people go to university these days?
- What is the value of a university degree these days?
- Do universities prepare students for the job market?
- Are very expensive top universities such as Oxford, Harvard, or Yale worth the price? Why (not)?
- How can we encourage more women to enter STEM degrees and careers?
- Do you think education is underfunded?

#### Student B

- What is an optimal number of pupils in a class?
- Do you think school children should wear uniforms?
- What do you think of single-sex schools?
- Is education really inclusive in your country?
- Why do you think girls outperform boys academically (on average)?
- What do you think about homeschooling?
- Should schools teach essential life skills such as cooking, sewing, or budgeting, or is it the responsibility of the parents?
- Do you think people value education more if they have to pay for it?
- What is the best tertiary education institution in your country? Does it live up to the hype?
- In your country, do people move away from their home to go to university?
- Do you think people should forgo universities and go to trade schools instead?
- What changes would you make in your country's education system if you had the power?

