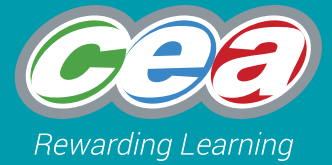


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# Speaking & Listening

## Group Discussion 5

**GCSE**  
English  
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Jack, Ciaran, Nathan, Myles, Calum, Jarlaith

## Group Discussion 5 – “The main issues affecting young people today.”

### Jack

#### Level 4 - Mark 15

- Jack responds to Nathan's point about obesity comparing modern day young people to young people living in the 1950s.
- He raises the point about schools having more responsibility – “Schools should make a bigger effort...”
- He develops the point made by Ciaran about parents giving children money.
- Jack challenges Calum's point about materialism – “Drugs are available all over schools...”
- He challenges the point about video games and flips the argument – “but pressure can help in later life.”

### Ciaran

#### Level 4 - Mark 13

- Ciaran develops the points made by Calum about drug abuse by introducing the seriousness of peer pressure.
- He challenges the point about schools' responsibility saying that parents need to play a greater role – “While I agree that...I think that snackie foods are a big problem”, “Most parents don't keep a close eye...”

### Nathan

#### Level 4 - Mark 15

- Nathan extends the point about exercise.
- He uses statistics about obesity – “If both parents are obese then there's an 80% chance of the child being obese.”
- He structures and shapes the discussion – “Just going back to the point about substance abuse...”
- Nathan develops the point about the pressures of social media.

- He challenges the point about employment – “It’s not that easy for young people to find jobs...”

## Myles

### Level 3 - Mark 11

- Myles develops a point made by Jack about part time jobs.
- He uses a statistic about obesity – “From a recent BBC study, it was revealed that over 22,000 young people are obese...”
- His contributions improve in the last 5 minutes as he challenges Nathan about obesity being less of an issue for young people than the use of drugs and alcohol abuse.

## Calum

### Level 4 - Mark 14

- Calum develops and responds to what he hears. He builds on the point made by Ciaran about sugar content.
- He synthesises essential points made by Jack and Jarlaith – “children should not be going home to look after a sick parent as it will affect their GCSEs.”
- He challenges the issue of drug abuse being more important than materialism and continues to argue his case for materialism – “this only affects a small minority.”

## Jarlaith

### Level 4 - Mark 14

- Jarlaith develops and responds to points made by others.
- He challenges the point made by Jack about the responsibility of schools. He states that role models are more important.
- He helps to structure the discussion – “Could I just butt in there...”
- He extends Jack’s point and uses statistics at the start – “Over 40% of young people prefer to sit in the house playing computer games than exercising.”
- He challenges the point made by Jack about responsibility in the home.

