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| Communication Skills: Discussion 2 |

*A. With your small group discuss each of the topics below, making sure to use the correct language for expressing opinion, and agreeing and disagreeing.*

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| **Discussion Topic: Good looks and Physical Attractiveness**   1. Do you think a person’s physical attractiveness has any impact on their success in their personal or professional life? 2. Do you think people should have cosmetic surgery to enhance their looks? 3. Do you think plastic surgery is common? If so, which plastic surgery is popular? 4. Do you think it is better to be attractive or intelligent? Why? 5. Do you think it is better to be attractive or wealthy? Why? 6. Would you ever have plastic surgery? If so, what would you change? |

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| **Discussion Topic: Dating and Marriage**   1. At what age should people start dating? At what age, should people get married? Is it the same age for men and for women? 2. How old were you when you went on your first date? Describe your first date. 3. Do you believe in ‘love at first sight’? 4. Do you believe arranged marriages are a good idea today? What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of having an arranged marriage? 5. Do you think people change after they get married? How? |

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| **Discussion Topic: Environment and Pollution**   1. What are some of the common types of pollution found in Canada? 2. How has pollution changed since you were younger? 3. What are the most serious pollution issues facing Canada in the 21st century? 4. What is the government doing to protect the country and its citizens with regard to environmental pollution? 5. Do you drink bottled water? Why or why not? 6. Do you think it is possible to protect the environment and raise the average Canadian’s standard of living at the same time? Which issue is more important to you? 7. What are some of the steps you take to prevent polluting the environment? |

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| **Discussion Topic: Teenagers**   1. How are teenagers different today from when you were a teenager? 2. What do you think parents should do to help teenagers become responsible and well-adjusted adults? What so you think should teachers do? 3. What would you do if your teenager dyed their hair, got a tattoo, or said they wanted to quit high school to join a rock and roll band? 4. Do you think teenagers should have a curfew? What is a reasonable time to expect teenagers to be at home on a Friday or Saturday night? 5. How do you feel about teenagers who smoke in public or drink alcohol in excess? |