

Let's talk! – Mit *speaking cards* die Sprechfertigkeit fördern (S II)

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M 1 Presenting a picture and talking about the topic



Healthy lifestyle(s) – healthy eating */**

1. Tell your partner about the cartoon.
2. In your opinion, what is a healthy lifestyle?
3. "There's lots of people in this world who spend so much time watching their health that they haven't the time to enjoy it." (Josh Billings, 1818-1885, American humorist). Comment on this statement from today's point of view.
4. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of being vegan.



"How much longer do I have before I have to change to a healthy lifestyle?"

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Useful words:

doctor's surgery: die Arztpraxis – **treatment table:** die Behandlungsliege – **to follow a healthy lifestyle:** gesund leben – **to abstain from smoking/drinking/fast food:** auf das Rauchen/Trinken/Fastfood verzichten – **social pressure:** der soziale Druck – **vegan:** vegan; der/die Veganer/in – **vegetarian:** vegetarisch; der/die Vegetarier/in – **malnutrition:** die Mangelernährung – **ecologically sustainable:** ökologisch nachhaltig



Men's and women's jobs */**

1. Describe the pictures.
2. In your opinion, what is a "typical" men's/women's job? Explain.
3. "The man goes to work and the woman stays at home and looks after the children." Comment on this statement.
4. Talk about your future career plans.



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Useful words:

gender related: geschlechtsspezifisch – **motor/car mechanic:** der/die KFZ-Mechaniker/in – **cosmetician/beautician:** der/die Kosmetiker/in – **to put make-up on sb.'s face:** jmdn. schminken – **stereotypical gender roles:** stereotype Geschlechterrollen – **outdated:** überholt/veraltet – **to work part-time:** Teilzeit arbeiten – **parental leave:** die Elternzeit – **equal pay for equal work:** gleicher Lohn für gleiche Arbeit



Family life – then and now */**

1. Describe the pictures.
2. "A family, that's mother, father and children." Discuss.
3. Talk about values in the past and in today's time. What has changed? Why?
4. Who is more important to you – family or friends? Discuss.



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Useful words:

the change in values in society: die Veränderung von Werten in der Gesellschaft – **to uphold values:** Werte vertreten – **to cheat on sb.:** jmdn. betrügen – **to split up with sb.:** sich von jmdm. trennen – **to be separated:** getrennt leben – **to suffer from (a divorce):** unter (einer Scheidung) leiden – **same-sex marriage:** die gleichgeschlechtliche Ehe – **surrogacy:** die Leihmutterschaft



Globalisation – outsourcing **

1. Describe the picture.
2. Explain the term *outsourcing* and give examples.
3. Talk about possible ways of improving working conditions, e.g. in sweatshops.
4. "If you buy very cheap clothes produced in developing countries, you support the exploitation of workers." Comment on this statement.



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Useful words:

garment/textile factory: die Textilfabrik – **sewing machine:** die Nähmaschine – **sweatshop:** a small factory with poor working conditions and only little payment – **trade union:** organisation that fights for workers' rights – **exploitation:** die Ausbeutung – **(un)skilled worker:** der/die (un)gelernte Arbeiter/in – **domestic production:** die Produktion im Inland – **fair trade:** a way of selling and buying goods that ensures fair prices for the workers – **to boycott a product:** den Kauf eines Produkts verweigern



Science and technology: GM food **

1. Describe the photograph.
2. Imagine you have just eaten a delicious salad at a restaurant. Then you find out it had GM ingredients in it. Do you mind?

- **Yes:** Explain why.
- **No:** Give reasons why not.

3. Try to explain why people in Europe and in the USA show different attitudes towards GM food.

4. Do you think GM ingredients should be indicated to the consumer when the product is sold? Give reasons.



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Useful words:

GM food: genetically engineered or genetically modified food – **to engineer genes:** to insert foreign genes into genetic codes – **to select and pass on desired traits:** gewünschte Charaktereigenschaften auswählen und übertragen – **selective breeding:** die Auslese (bei der Tier-/Pflanzenzucht) – **soybean:** die Sojabohne – **maize (AE corn):** der Mais – **stem cell:** die Stammzelle – **to convert into:** umwandeln in – **laboratory:** das Labor – **to spray pesticide:** Schädlingsbekämpfungsmittel sprühen



Capital punishment in the USA **

1. Describe the picture.
2. What do you know about capital punishment in the USA? Talk about it.
3. Name arguments often given in favour of capital punishment. Do you agree? Discuss.
4. Turkey has also been considering a (re-)introduction of the death penalty recently. Germany and most European countries, on the other hand, express different attitudes towards capital punishment. Try to explain why.



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Useful words:

prison cell: die Gefängniszelle – **to be on death row:** im Todestrakt sitzen – **to sentence the accused to death:** den/die Angeklagte/n zum Tode verurteilen – **lethal injection:** die Todesspritze – **execution:** the act of killing sb. as a legal punishment – **hangman:** the person who executes a death sentence – **to act as a deterrent:** als Abschreckung dienen – **to show mercy:** Gnade zeigen – **irreversible:** unwiderruflich



The British Monarchy **



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Partner A

You participate in a discussion about the value of the British monarchy: Should it be abolished or not?

You are of the opinion that **the British monarchy should not be abolished.**

You start the conversation. Give reasons to convince your partner.

Advantages you see:

- The constitutional monarchy is an effective political system and has a symbolic role for national unity.
- The monarchy is an important factor for the UK's revenue from tourism.
- ...

Partner B

You participate in a discussion about the value of the British monarchy: Should it be abolished or not?

You are of the opinion that **the British monarchy should be abolished.**

Your partner starts the conversation. Give reasons to convince your partner.

Problems you see:

- The monarch plays only a ceremonial role without any political power (only head of state).
- There are unjustifiable costs of monarchy (e.g. maintenance of the Royal family's luxurious lifestyle with the help of tax money).
- ...

Useful words:

to sustain: (aufrecht)erhalten – **constitutional monarchy:** a system in which the monarch's power is considerably limited in favour of the politicians forming the government – **to inherit from:** erben von – **heritage:** das Erbe – **revenue from tourism (sg.):** die Tourismuseinnahmen (Pl.) – **to be critical of sb./sth.:** jmandm./ einer Sache gegenüber kritisch eingestellt sein – **to live at the taxpayer's expense:** auf Kosten der Steuerzahler leben – **to serve as an example for sb.:** jmandm. als Vorbild dienen