



**Aim:** Helping students express their opinions and explain their reasoning.

**Activity:** A classroom survey on a number of controversial subjects.

## STEP 1:

**SINGLE WORK:** Read the statements below and rate your opinion from one to six.

**1 - strongly agree**

**6 - strongly disagree**

**GROUP WORK:** Sit together in small groups and discuss your responses to the statements. Do you agree or not? Explain your reasoning.

Nr.	Statement	Rating
1	Making mistakes in English is ok as long as people understand you.	
2	My friends should come from the same social background as I do.	
3	It is impossible to have a happy family life and a successful career.	
4	War is not an option for solving international disputes.	
5	Women will never be equal to men in the workplace.	
6	Gay marriage is wrong.	
7	Marriage is outdated. There is no need for church approval of a partnership.	
8	The death penalty is acceptable in some cases, for example murder or rape.	
9	Celebrities earn too much money.	
10	Military service should be obligatory.	

## Lesson plan

- Distribute Points of View sheet. Ask students to rate their opinions from one to six: 1 - strongly agree    10 - strongly disagree.
- Divide students into small groups and ask them to discuss their responses to the statements.
- Listen in on the various groups and take notes on common language mistakes while students are presenting their various points of view.
- At the end of the group discussions, write a number of the most common mistakes on the board and ask other students to correct the mistakes.
- As a class, go through each point asking for someone who (relatively) strongly agrees to explain his or her point of view. Do the same for someone who (relatively) strongly disagrees with the statement.
- As a follow-up activity, ask students to write a short composition on one of the statements.