

EPT OC Paired-Discussion Task

Now, you are going to listen to two speakers talking about pros and cons about a topic. After listening to the female speaker, I would like (Student A) to tell us what **the opinion of the speaker** is about a topic, and why the speaker has this opinion.

Then, after listening to the male speaker, I would like (Student B) to tell us what **the opinion of the speaker** is about this topic, and why this speaker has this opinion.

Please retell the talk in your own words. Each of you will have **1 minute** for retelling the speaker's point of view. You will listen to the recording only once, and you cannot take notes. You need to listen carefully to the both speakers because you will discuss both speakers' opinions later.

Now, please listen carefully to the female speaker.

[Female Speaker: I spend two to three hours per day using social networking sites. Not many things in the world are free, but social networking sites are. These sites have given me a chance to keep in touch with family and friends and helped me professionally. My research productivity has increased since I started using *Academia*, which is a social platform for academics. Many scholars, including me, post their research papers on this site, so that anyone can access their research. This has also helped me to build social networks with others who have research interests similar to my own.]

Now Student A, you have **1 minute** to retell the female speaker's point of view.

[Student A: Retelling the female speaker's talk for 1 minute]

Now, please listen carefully to the male speaker.

[Male Speaker: I never use social networking sites. I read a report that says as the number of Facebook friends a person has increased, the stress the person gets when they use the website also increases. Also, not surprisingly, people tend to spend far less time talking with their friends and families in face-to-face conversations because of the increased online interactions. Maybe most importantly, social networking sites are a huge waste of time and money. I can tell you that my boys are getting poor grades in school because they are always facebooking friends when they should be doing homework.]

Now (Student B), you have **1 minute** to retell the male speaker's point of view.

[Student B: Retelling the male speaker's talk for 1 minute]

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Now please defend the position of the speaker that you just talked about. Try to convince your partner of the speaker's views. Even if you do not agree with the speaker, you need to support the speaker's position.

Please try to have short exchanges and share time equally with your partner. You have 4 minutes for this discussion. Either of you can begin.

[Student A and Student B talking to each other: 4 Minutes of Discussion]