

School Travel Discussion Exercise

This is a discussion based exercise using prompts to encourage pupils to think about the specific travel issues at their school. Pupils work in small groups then discuss and compare opinions as a class. The activity is suitable for use in class, School Council or with an environment group.

Equipment needed:

- 1 copy of the 20 discussion statements per group.

How to run the discussion:

1. In small groups ask pupils to read through the 20 statements and separate into two piles;

Things that happen at this school and
Things that do not happen at this school.
2. Go through the statements as a class to compare how each group have allocated them.
3. In small groups, now get the pupils to sort through the things that happen at this school pile and split them into positive and negative.

Feedback and discuss sorting as a class.

As a class, go through the negative statements and decide on the three most important ones to their school, ranking them 1 – 3. Encourage them to think about why they are important,

- who is causing the problem
- what could happen
- when does this happen
- who is effected by the problem.

What could be done at the school to reduce the three main negative travel problems?

Ask pupils to produce a letter to parents, governors, city council, a poster, leaflet or a newspaper article (select appropriate for group) that:

- identifies one of the final 3 negative travel problems
- explains who the problem is effecting and how
- suggests how the situation could be improved.

