

Opinion Cards: Summer

Introduction

This thought-provoking summer-themed discuission activity allows students to practice agreeing and disagreeing with others.

Before the Lesson

Print (A4 size), laminate, and cut out the opinion cards. In lieu of laminating, print on thicker A4 cardstock paper. Be sure to print enough copies for the amount of students you have, for example, if you have 15 students in class, print the pdf five times and group students into threes.

In the Lesson

You can either play this as a class discussion, or split students into groups.

To play as a class discussion, evenly distribute the cards amongst yourself and your students. Then, take turns reading and discussing (agreeing/disagreeing) the statements. Use this as an opportunity to get everyone's opinion and have them explain why they agree or disagree.

To play as a group activity, distribute a set of cards to each group. Have them put the cards in a stack in the middle. They then take turns drawing a card, reading the statement, and saying if they agree or disagree and why. The other students then say if they also agree or disagree with the statement and why. At the end of the class you can poll the students on each statement, seeing how many agreed or disagreed per point of view.

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
Discussion	To practice agreeing	B1+	35-45
practice	and disagreeing		minutes



"Summer camps are essential for children's development and should be mandatory." "Using fireworks for summer celebrations should be banned due to safety and environmental concerns."

"It's better to visit popular tourist destinations during the summer, even if they are crowded."

"Summer homework should be banned so students can fully enjoy their break."

"Wearing flipflops everywhere during the summer is inappropriate." "Barbecues are the best way to enjoy summer evenings, even if they contribute to air pollution."



"Summer fashion trends are often impractical and uncomfortable." "Public parks should have designated quiet zones where loud activities are not allowed."

"Summer blockbuster movies are more about special effects than good storytelling."

"Water parks are a waste of water and should be discouraged."

"Air conditioning is harmful to the environment and should be limited during the summer."

"Public pools are too crowded and should limit the number of visitors per day." "Ice cream is overrated as the best summer treat; there are better alternatives." "Summer vacations should be spent exploring new places rather than relaxing at home."

"All beaches should have a no-music policy to ensure a peaceful environment for everyone."

"Tourists should pay higher prices at popular summer destinations to support local economies."

"Summer school should be available for everyone to prevent the 'summer slide' in learning." "People should avoid using sunscreen and instead use natural methods to protect against the sun."