

TASK 5: TIME FOR ACTION

TEACHER'S NOTES

By this stage students should be clear about their group's aims and tactics.

They now have to come up with an idea/action/plan, which is in keeping with their tactics, and will help them achieve their aims.

There are many possibilities. For example: publicity stunts, fund-raising activities, awareness raising campaigns, lobbying efforts...

ACTIVITY 1: TIME FOR ACTION

This is a brainstorming activity.

- 1 Refer back to Task 3 where students had to agree on the sort of tactics they would use (lobbying, inciting civil disobedience etc...)
- 2 Give students Task 5, page 2 and ask them to list the tactics their pressure group might use in the first column of the table. They should not list tactics which are counter to their group's principles & beliefs.
- 3 Divide students into groups of 3-5 and ask them to come up with detailed ideas for each tactic.

For example, if they have decided that lobbying is a potential tactic, they should think about who they would lobby, when, where they would find them, what they would say and what they would hope to achieve.



ACTIVITY 2: PRESENTATION

In this task, students present ideas for action and vote for the best one.

- 1 Divide students into presentation groups (probably the same groups as in the brainstorming activity).
- 2 Ask them to look at the ideas they have come up with and choose the best one.
- 3 Ask students to present this idea to the rest of the class.
 - a They could give a brief presentation based on their class discussion or a longer, more detailed discussion after doing further research.
 - b Refer students to the questions in Task 5, Activity 2 for ideas on the content of their presentation. You may also wish to refer them to the 'Useful Language' for Task 5.
- 4 Once all of the students have finished the presentations, the class should vote for the idea which they think is best.
- 6 Presentation feedback may contain comments on:
 - a The content and structure of the presentation
 - b The accuracy and range of the language used
 - c Students' fluency and pronunciation
 - d The use of any materials/visuals
 - e Body language and eye contact
 - f Overall impression



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