

The background is a light-colored wooden desk. On the left, there is a brown notebook with a white page. In the center, a yellow pencil lies horizontally. To the right, a spiral-bound notebook is open, showing a yellow sticky note with the words "Home" and "read" written in red. On the far left, there are some yellow pencil shavings.

## Speaking and Listening





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## College and Career Readiness Standards for Speaking and Listening:

1. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
2. Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
3. Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.



# Discussion voting activity



## How should you prepare for a group discussion?

Begin by researching the topic you are going to discuss, writing down any relevant data.

As you learn more about the topic, consider what thoughts and opinions you will bring to the discussion. Your comments should be supported by your research.

In small groups, research one of the following topics:

- animal testing
- gender inequality in athletics
- the ethics of cloning
- body image and the media.



# Knowing your sources



When participating in a group discussion, it is important to listen carefully to other people's ideas. Your responses should show that you understand the subject and have reflected on what others have said.

You should listen politely to the other members of your group in a discussion. It is essential that you allow people to express their viewpoints and that you do not interrupt them while they are speaking.

In pairs, make a list of ways in which you can show that you are listening in a discussion.



# Showing that you are listening





In a discussion, you should try to make a positive contribution to the task and avoid affecting the group negatively.



You can do this by:

- showing enthusiasm and speaking with confidence
- participating fully in the discussion.

An important part of group participation is making sure that everyone's ideas are heard and understood.

How can you ensure that everyone in your group fully participates in the discussion?





# Participating in a discussion



In your discussion groups, revisit your chosen topic:

- animal testing
- gender inequality in athletics
- the ethics of cloning
- body image and the media.

Discuss your topic for five minutes, ensuring that you listen to the opinions of others. Press the button at the top of the stopwatch to start the timer.

How did your initial viewpoint compare to the viewpoints of others? Did anyone's viewpoint change during the discussion?

# Observing a discussion



# Evaluating your discussion



# Discussion topics

