

Talking points: talking about talk

What does your group think about these ideas? Can you reach agreement?

1. Talking and thinking are the same thing.
2. You are naturally good at talking, or not, and nothing can be done about it.
3. Writing is more important than talk.
4. Two heads are usually better than one for solving problems.
5. It is easier to talk well than it is to write well.
6. You can think without words.
7. 'I talk when I think' is the same as 'I think when I talk'.
8. You can never tell what anyone else thinks.
9. If you think someone is wrong, it is important to tell them.
10. It is rude not to join in a group discussion.
11. It is rude to disagree with other people.
12. When other people talk, you can be thinking what you will say next.
13. Group activity is good for learning.
14. It's impossible to tell if other people are listening.
15. Everyone can learn how to be part of a learning conversation.
16. Listening means being quiet.
17. If you ask questions it shows that you don't know anything.
18. People make fun of you if you let them know what you really think.
19. Quiet people are thinking interesting things, but don't want us to know.
20. If you share what you know out loud, other people will do better than you.
21. Learning to talk and work with other people is important.
22. If you help people solve problems in class, it's cheating.